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Dear Parent,

You have registered your child for one of the school sites participating in the Houston County School District After-School Program (ASP). Although the District will be providing childcare for your child after school hours, the program is not a licensed childcare program under the Bright From the Start (BFTS): Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL).

The Houston County School District After School Program is EXEMPT from the rules and regulations that apply to typical full-time childcare programs such as daycare centers or family childcare centers through BFTS as defined in Rule 591-1-1-.46(1)(b) Exemption Categories (see excerpt from the rule below).

591-1-1-.46(b) Exemption Categories. The following types of programs shall be exempt from licensure:

*1. Programs which are owned and operated by any department or agency of state, county, or municipal government. This includes, but is not limited to, the customary school day, as defined in Georgia law, and before and/or **after-school programs in public schools operated by the public school system and staffed with school system employees** and recreation programs operated by city or county parks and recreation departments and staffed with city or county employees.*

Exempt programs are not required to comply with the Bright from the Start Rules for Child Care Learning Centers, but must comply with the criteria and requirements for exemptions in Rule 591-1-1-.46(1)(a) Exemption Requirements and Rule 591-1-1-.46(1)(b) Exemption Categories. The rules, requirements and Exemption Application are available at <http://www.decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/Exemptions.aspx>. Questions may be sent to ccsexemptions@decal.ga.gov.

Liability insurance is carried for situations that occur due to negligence by the program; however, an individual's health insurance policy would be responsible for any services needed due to personal accidents.

In compliance with such exemption requirements, we are advising you of the HCSD exemption status and request your signature of acknowledgement of your understanding as such.

By signing below, you acknowledge your awareness that the Houston County School District After School Program (including all host school sites) is exempt from the requirement of being a licensed child care program under BFTS: GA DECAL.

Print Child's Name

Print Parent Name

Parent Signature

Date