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REQUEST TO REMAIN IN SCHOOL OF ORIGIN

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Principal: _____ School: _____

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Re: Request to Remain in School of Origin

Student Name: _____ D.O.B: ____/____/____

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to request that (student name) _____ be allowed to remain at (school name) _____, his/her school of origin.

Foster children have the right to remain at her school of origin as long as it is in their best interest. California's AB490 provides "[i]n all instances, educational and school placement decisions shall be based on the best interests of the child." Cal. Educ. Code § 48853(g). In addition, the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 gives a foster child the right to remain at the school in which he/she was enrolled at the time of placement, *unless* remaining at the school is not in his/her best interest. See 42 U.S.C. § 675(1)(G).

School of origin is defined as "the school that the foster child attended when permanently housed or the school in which the foster child was last enrolled." Cal. Educ. Code § 48853.5(e). Even if you dispute my child's right to remain at your school, (student's name) _____ has the right to remain at the school of origin until that dispute has been resolved using the procedures outlined in the law. See Cal. Educ. Code §§ 48853.5(d)(5) and 48850(a).

I believe that remaining at the school of origin, where (student's name) _____ has built relationships with peers and teachers, is vital to his/her educational progress and mental and emotional well-being.

I request that you immediately allow (student's name) _____ to continue attending your school. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at () _____.

Sincerely,

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Print Name/Relationship to Student