Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we discuss films throughout the years, we want to be able to choose the best films available. In some cases, PG and PG13 films are ultimately less important/impactful movies than those we’ve chosen to show. In order to discuss the most impacting films, I ask your permission for your son/daughter to watch “R” rated films in this course.

I would like you to know that your son/daughter will *study* the films we watch in this class. We will not be watching them simply for the sake of entertainment, but rather as a form of literature in visual media. We are analyzing these films for their highly regarded style, technique, perspective and substance, as well as the societal and cultural impact each has had on our culture and the film industry.

Below, you will see a number of films, their ratings by the MPAA, and the reasons they were rated as they were. Please look through the list and feel free to look these movies up on IMDB.com or MPAA.org for more information. If you would like to pick and choose which movies are acceptable and are not, then put a check mark beside each acceptable movie and an X beside each unacceptable movie. This is a fairly new class to Dunbar, and we are still working through films we think are important for this class. Each film was chosen quite carefully and if there are any additions or subtractions to this list, we will promptly send another letter home.

If you choose for your child to not watch any or all of these films, then we will have an alternative assignment to offer. There is no penalty for completing an alternative assignment. Your student will just report to the library or another viewing area to watch a different film and complete a similar assignment.

\_\_\_\_\_**Schindler’s List:** Rated R for language, violent images

\_\_\_\_\_**Saving Private Ryan:** Rated R for violent images, language

\_\_\_\_\_**Boyz in the Hood:** Rated R for language, violence

\_\_\_\_\_**The Godfather:** Rating: R for violence

\_\_\_\_\_ **Little Miss Sunshine**: Rated R for language, drug content

*\*Any film that has nudity or sexual scenes will be edited out by the teacher\**

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not want my child watching ANY of these films.

\_\_\_\_\_I do not mind my child watching these films in school.

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Parent/Guardian Name Parent/Guardian Signature

Feel free to email me if you have any further questions or concerns.

Regards,

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