**AB 167/216 Graduation Eligibility Notification Letter**

Date:

 Probation Officer/

TO: Education Rights Holder (“ERH”): Social Worker:

 Address: Address:

RE: Name of Student: Date of Birth:

 Current High School: Date of Enrollment:

Foster and probation youth in California have special rights to help them remain on track for high school graduation. Under Assembly Bills 167/216 (“AB 216”), foster/probation youth who are off track for high school graduation, and transfer after their second year of high school, may be eligible to graduate by completing the minimum state requirements if they are not reasonably able to complete all school district requirements by the end of their fourth year of high school. This includes completing 13 year-long courses. Students who graduate under AB 216 do not have to complete additional school district requirements, which generally range from 80-120 credits.

We have determined, and hereby certify, that the above named student [ ]  **does /** [ ]  **does not /** [ ]  **has already been certified to** meet all requirements for AB 216 graduation.

**The above named student has the following graduation options:**

[ ]  Graduate by completing state requirements and accept AB 216 eligibility. Please note that there are advantages and disadvantages to graduating under AB 216. While a student may graduate with classmates and receive a regular high school diploma, they may sacrifice important learning opportunities that are necessary to succeed in higher education and employment. Students who graduate under AB 216 may not be eligible to apply directly to a California State University (CSU) or University of California (UC) school.

[ ]  Attempt to graduate high school at the end of the 4th year by completing all school district graduation requirements.Students may attempt to accomplish this by concurrently enrolling in a community college, continuation school, or independent study program.

[ ]  Remain in high school for a 5th year, and complete all additional school district graduation requirements. The right to a 5th year of high school applies even if the student will be 19 years old during that additional school year. The student will be allowed to remain at the local high school and will not be required to transfer to a continuation school, independent study program, or adult school to complete the 5th year.

[ ]  Remain in high school for more than 4 years pursuant to their IEP.

School Official: Signature: Date:

Please make sure to keep a copy of this certification letter for your records. If the student was not found eligible for AB 216 graduation, you or the student may request reconsideration of eligibility at any time. If the student was found eligible, this letter can be used at any future school to verify that the student is already certified as AB 216 eligible. The above named student retains the right to graduate under AB 216 even if they transfer schools again or their foster care/probation case closes before they receive their high school diploma.

Once the student’s ERH has determined which graduation plan to take, please notify us by checking the appropriate box below and returning this form. Please note that the school district cannot allow a student to graduate under AB 216 without receiving this document. An 18 year old student or their ERH can change their decision regarding graduating under AB 216 at any time until the student receives their high school diploma. Please note that regardless of whether or not a student elects to graduate under AB 216, a student has the right and obligation to attend school until age 18, with limited exceptions.

If you have any questions or concerns about AB 216 graduation, please contact the student’s counselor. As the student's ERH, I choose to have the student:

[ ]  Graduate under AB 216 in 4 years

[ ]  Graduate under school district requirements in 4 years

[ ]  Graduate under school district requirements in 5 years

[ ]  Acknowledge eligibility but defer decision until a later date

Education Rights Holder: Signature: Date:

(or 18 year old Student)