# SLA Grade 3 Sample Permission-to-Excuse Letter

TO:

Parent/Guardian Date

RE:

Name of Student

Student Learning Assessments, or SLAs, are a new assessment tool the province is providing to help students with their learning. Parts of the assessments are digital (taken on a computer or tablet), while others can be completed using a pencil and paper (Performance Task). The SLAs are currently in pilot and will replace Provincial Achievement Tests over the next three years.

In September, October and November of this year, students in Grade 3 will participate in the Alberta Education Student Learning Assessments or SLA3 assessment pilot.

To ensure children do their best when writing an achievement test, special format test materials and other writing accommodations are available to students who have learning or physical disabilities and who use such accommodations regularly to support their learning. If a student is not capable of responding to an achievement test even with one or more writing accommodations, or if participation would be harmful to the student, a superintendent may excuse a student from writing. A superintendent’s decision to excuse a student from writing an achievement test is based on a recommendation from the principal that is supported by the child’s parent or guardian. This recommendation must also be supported with documentation such as a student’s individual learning plan.

Although test writing accommodations are available, I am considering recommending to the superintendent that your child be excused from writing the Student Learning Assessments (SLAs) in the following area(s):

Literacy Numeracy

Digital  Digital

Performance task  Performance task

Principal’s Signature

Please indicate whether or not you support this decision by checking one of the boxes below and returning this letter to me:

I support your recommendation to excuse my child.

I do not wish my child to be excused from writing the SLAs

I would like an opportunity to discuss this recommendation.

Parent/Guardian’s Signature Date