

**September 2016**

Dear Irving Parents/Guardians,

The time has come again for a short-term social skills project! Students in all grades are needed to participate in small groups with the social worker. The group setting will be game oriented and made up of individuals with varying social abilities. Students will receive support with social etiquette, social communication, and peer interaction through structured play and group activities.

Over the course of the school year all students will be eligible to be randomly chosen to join same-age peers for 20-30 minutes at a time approximately once a week. Rotating students every so many weeks will promote diversity within the small group setting. It is my sincere hope that your child will serve as a role model for the students who struggle with peer interaction. No doubt all students will have fun! Students will not miss specials or crucial academic instruction during the 4-6 week commitment with the small group.

Please check then **tear off the permission slip below and return only if you DO NOT want your child to participate** in these groups. If no slip is returned then it is safe to assume that your child DOES have permission to possibly join this ambitious project at some point during the 2016-2017 school year.

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\_\_\_\_\_ My child **DOES NOT** have permission to be part of the small group project at Washington Irving Elementary School during the 2016-2017 school year. My child's name/grade/teacher are as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_ I am unsure about this for my child. My name is \_\_\_\_\_.  
Please call me at \_\_\_\_\_ because I have questions/concerns.  
My child's name/grade/teacher are as follows: