



### Request for Excused School Absence

Dear Valued Teacher(s):

Your student, \_\_\_\_\_, has been cast in this year's production of Garden City Ballet's *The Nutcracker*.

Depending on the role, rehearsals are held weekly on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday (starting in September). These rehearsals may occasionally conflict with important school-related activities, and we understand that a dancer may need to miss one of our rehearsals during the season.

**In order to safely and professionally produce this full-length classical ballet, all tech rehearsals and all (6) performances, including the Friday school show, are mandatory for all dancers.**

We respectfully request permission for your student to be excused from all school-related activities during one full week in December as his/her presence at rehearsals and all (6) performances is critical. Theater week includes blocking, lighting, and full dress rehearsals.

Specifically to this dancer, here are mandatory days/times required for his/her role:

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We understand your student's presence is also important to your event, and that the student's grade may depend on his/her participation. We hope that with this advance notice, you and your student may explore alternative grading options.

With kindest regards,

Barbra West  
GCB Board President

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