Dear Parents and Guardians:

My name is Marissa Rex and I am the new full-time school counselor at Hiawatha Elementary. Now that Hiawatha has a school counselor available every school day, your student is able to receive additional services. One of those services is small group counseling, which takes place during lunch/recess one day per week for six weeks. These groups focus on specific topics (such as bullying prevention, positive school behaviors, and making and keeping friends) so that the participating students can be academically and socially successful at Hiawatha. New groups and topics are formed throughout the school year.

For your student to be part of one of these small groups, he or she must have a permission form signed by you.

Your student has been invited to the following small group: **Making and Keeping Friends**

In this group, students will focus on the following action items:
1. Learning how to interact with peers in a positive manner.
2. Understanding how to utilize conflict management strategies with peers.
3. Developing an appreciation for who they are as an individual.

Please return this form to Marissa Rex (or the main office) by **Friday, January 29th**

Thank you for your time. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me via email (**mrex@washloc.k12.oh.us**) or phone (**419-473-8266**).

Marissa Rex
School Counselor, Hiawatha Elementary

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_________________________ (Student Name) is:

☐ given permission to participate in the **Making and Keeping Friends** small group.

☐ *NOT* given permission to participate in the **Making and Keeping Friends** small group.

_________________________ Parent/Guardian Signature

_________________________ Date