**CAUSE NO. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

IN THE MATTER OF § IN THE TRUANCY COURT

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**TRUANT CONDUCT RESPONDENT’S ANSWER**

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, have reviewed the petition alleging that I engaged in truant conduct under Family Code Chapter 65. After being informed of the allegations against me, the nature and possible consequences of the proceedings, my privilege against self-incrimination, my right to trial and to confront witnesses against me, my right to representation by an attorney, and my right to a jury trial, I appear and file my answer of:

🞏 **True.** I agree that the allegations are true, and waive my rights to a jury trial, against self-incrimination, and to confront witness against me. I understand that a remedial order will now be entered by the judge in this case.

🞏 **Not true.** I wish to enforce my right to a trial, and for the petitioner to have to prove the allegations of truant conduct beyond a reasonable doubt. I understand that I have the right to a jury trial in this case and I🞏 **do** 🞏 **do not** wish to waive that right. I understand that I may not be charged any fees for not waiving my right to a jury trial.

🞏I have the following defense(s) to the allegations of truant conduct: some or all of the absences were 🞏 excused by a school official or by the court, 🞏 involuntary, or 🞏 due to my voluntary absence from my home because of abuse. I understand that I must prove by a preponderance of the evidence my defense(s) to the court.

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Respondent’s Parent/Guardian Date

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Respondent’s Attorney, if any Date