## **Directions for Circulating Petition**

- 1. You must be at least 18 years of age. However, if you are 17 years old and will be 18 by the date of the General Election, and you are a U.S. citizen, you may also circulate this petition.
- 2. You may circulate this petition regardless of whether you have ever voted.
- 3. You must personally witness all the signatures that are made on this petition- no exceptions.
- 4. You may circulate this petition to voters anywhere in the State of Illinois.
- 5. You may also sign this petition if you are a registered voter.
- 6. Petitions with fewer than 10 names do count. If you are not able to fill an entire petition, send in the partially completed petition. Every signature counts.
- 7. If you learn a signature is not valid, do not worry. Bad signatures do not knock out other good signatures or invalidate the petition. **HOWEVER**, known bad signatures should be brought to the attention of the Parents Matter Coalition, so that they can be deleted. A circulator who recklessly and routinely disregards the signature gathering rules may have an entire sheet stricken even though some signatures are valid.
- 8. You must sign as the circulator of the petition before a Notary Public licensed in Illinois and the Notary Public must affix his/her seal or stamp. Most banks and libraries will notarize free of charge. Do not sign the circulator's affidavit until you are seated in front of a notary no exceptions.
- 9. **DO NOT** number the petition page.

## **Directions for Signing Petition**

- 1. You must be a registered voter in the State of Illinois. You need not have voted in any prior election.
- 2. You must sign your name as you are registered to vote. For example, William E. Jones, not Bill Jones.
- 3. **DO NOT** use ditto marks for any part of an address or county.
- 4. You must use the address where you are registered to vote. Post Office boxes are not acceptable.
- 5. You may sign only once. You cannot sign another person's name, even a family member, on a petition.

## RETURN COMPLETED PETITIONS BY APRIL 1, 2024

TO: Parents Matter Coalition P.O. Box 1503 Wheaton, IL 60187

Thank you!!