Dear Teacher or School Administrator,

We ask that you please excuse [Student's Name] from school on December 16th to participate in Columbia Dance’s annual performances of The Nutcracker at Skyview Concert Hall here in Vancouver. On that day they will be performing in two free performances for VPS 3rd graders. We are especially excited that this year the 3rd graders completed a Nutcracker curriculum with their VPS dance teachers because of a collaboration between VPS and Columbia Dance.

Depending on their casting, this student may need to be dismissed early on December 12, 13, and/or 14 in order to get to their theater dress rehearsal. We apologize for this inconvenience, but this is the only time the district theaters are able to host us. We ask that they be excused at ______________ on the following dates ___________________________.

Our public performances are Saturday and Sunday, December 17th and 18th. If you are interested in attending, we would love to have you! [Link to performance]

Our dancers make many sacrifices in their dedication to their dance training and learn many life lessons in the process- time management being one of them. We encourage all of our dancers to make arrangements with their teachers well in advance regarding their classroom responsibilities, including homework and exams.

If you have any questions or need any further information, please contact me and I will be happy to oblige.

Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,

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