

SAMPLE LETTER TO AN OLDER SCHOOL CHILD, REQUESTING ASSENT

(current date)

Dear Student:

My name is Mary Lamb. I am a student at Western Carolina University. I am asking you to participate in a project that examines parental and peer influences on teenagers. Sometimes your parents find it hard to understand what you and your friends go through during your teens. My project looks at some of the concerns that you may face in the future.

I am asking you to complete a short questionnaire that will take about 15 minutes. Your parents or legal guardians have already given permission for you to participate in this study, but you do not have to participate if you choose. You may quit this study at any time by simply writing on the questionnaire "Stop" or "I do not wish to participate." Your participation in this study will not affect your grades in any way. There are no known risks involved in this study and you will receive nothing for your participation. To protect your confidentiality, the questionnaire will not be share by anyone unless required by law. These questionnaires will be kept by my teacher, Dr. Jamie Smith and me. Neither Partner's in Education nor your parents will know if you choose to participate in this project or the answers you provide on the questionnaire.

If you have any questions about this study, please talk with Mr. Jim Jones, Director of Partner's in Education at Calvert Middle School or your home room teacher.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Lamb

Agreement

I agree to participate in this research project and I have received a copy of this form.

Students Name: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____

I have explained to the above named individual the nature and purpose, benefits and possible risks associated with participation in this research. I have answered all questions that have been raised and I have provided the participant with a copy of this form.

Researcher Signature: _____ Date: _____