Informed Consent Letter

12/9/2010

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I am currently conducting research on the effectiveness of recess. You are invited to have your child participate in a study designed to observe behavior following recess. This study will allow me to explore whether a recess break is an effective tool for motivating student learning and resulting in improved academic achievement. If you choose to participate in this study, please sign the form below and return it to your child’s teacher. During the study, a researcher may observe your child to track his or her participation during a lesson. This information will be used only for research purposes and will not impact grades. Your child’s name will not appear on any documents, nor will it appear in my final report. No additional work will be assigned to your child during this time. Participation in this study is voluntary and you may choose for your child to opt out at any time. By returning this form, you are consenting to allow your child to participate in this study for research purposes.

Take as long as you like before you make a decision. I will be happy to answer any question you have about this study. If you have further questions about this project or if you have a research questions concerning your rights as a research subject, you may contact myself or my assistant (860-867-5309 or by email at: motesk@easternct.edu).

We hope that you will take a few minutes to think about participation in this study. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kristy Motes

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I, ............................................................................................, have read the parent consent form regarding the recess study being conducted at my child’s school.

_______ I have no questions at this time and allow my child to participate in this study, which will include confidential observations of my child.

_______ I have the following questions that I would like someone to answer (please include contact information). Once my questions are answered, I give my child permission to participate.

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_______ I do not give my child permission to participate in this study at this time.