

RESEARCH CONSENT FORM

"Traditional and Cyber Bullying in Middle Schools: What Can We All Do to Help?" **November 2007**

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I am a student in a university level inquiry research course. This course requires us to gain applied experience in designing and conducting inquiry research in order to enhance our teaching and learning. As such, I have designed a research project to what ways schools as a community can improve strategies to help students handle harassment, with a particular focus on harassment from technology.

During the survey, your son/daughter will be asked to answer questions concerning personal experiences with factors such as chat room experiences, access to technology (cell phones, digital cameras, internet access), experiences with harassment in person or through technology. Your son/daughter will also be asked for some demographic information (gender, grade, etc). Participation will require approximately 30 minutes of your son/daughter's time.

There are no known harms associated with your son/daughter's participation in this research. The potential benefits are to increase awareness and strategies by staff and students in handling any potential issues of harassment, either through technology or in person.

All records of participation will be kept strictly confidential, such that only my supervisor and I will have access to the information. Data will be stored in a locked filing cabinet within my home and will be destroyed by shredding at the end of the project, approximately April 30th, 2008. The results from this study will be reported in a written research report and an oral report during a class presentation. Information about the project will not be made public in any way that identifies individual participants.

Participation is completely voluntary. It may be discontinued at any time for any reason without explanation and without penalty.

I have read the above form, understand the information read, and understand that my son/daughter can ask questions or withdraw at any time. I allow my child to participate in this research study.

Parent's signature

Investigator's signature

Independent contact

Date