

### Minor Informed Assent Agreement 13-17

**Please read this assent agreement with your parent(s) or guardian(s) before you decide to participate in the study. Your parent or guardian will also give permission to let you participate in the study.**

We want to learn about how to best support early career secondary school teachers in their classroom interactions, lessons, and activities to enhance the motivation and engagement of their students. We would like to see if these supports provided to teachers improve students' interest in learning and school performance.

If you agree to participate, you will complete surveys over the next year about your experiences in your classroom and in your school. If you are in a classroom with one of our participating teachers for the whole year, then we ask that you complete three brief surveys spread out across the fall, winter, and spring. If you are in a classroom with one of our participating teachers for half of the year, then we ask that you complete a brief survey in the first months of the class and a brief survey in the last months of the class.

The surveys will be completed at a time that is good for you and your teacher. You will be able to choose which questions you want to answer, and you may stop the survey at any time. The surveys will take about 30 minutes each time. Your total time commitment will be between 60 and 90 minutes.

For the purposes of observing classroom interactions and teaching, your teacher will videotape his or her classroom instruction up to two times each month. The focus of the videotaping is on your teacher so that he or she may receive feedback on and improve teaching practices. If all the students in the video segments are consented for the study, then the video segments from this classroom may also be used for teacher training purposes. They will be used in training workshops or training materials we make accessible on University of Virginia controlled websites. You will always be able to choose whether you want to sit beyond the reach of the videocamera.

We also would like your permission to allow your teacher to share information with us from school records, such as attendance and performance on tests given by the school from the previous academic year and during the current academic year.

**Risks/Benefits:** Being in this study will bring you no harm and your grade will not be affected by whether or not you choose to participate in the study. On the other hand, it won't directly help you in any way. It will hopefully help us know more about students' experience in school. We also expect to learn more about how to support teachers so that students feel more engaged in school and motivated to learn.

**Confidentiality:** Your answers to our questions during this study will be kept private. Your name will not be used, and no one who reads about our study will know it was you. We keep things locked up so only trained researchers will see them.

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