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SAMPLE STUDENT ASSENT LETTER (ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS)
(May be read to students or adjust for reading levels)

January 6, 2009

Hi! We are here from the University of Illinois to do a project in your classroom about making maps. If you do this project, you will spend 15 minutes each day for two weeks of your regular math class time learning how to make maps. We will videotape these lessons so that we can look at them later. You and your classmates will also go on a field trip to the University of Illinois Library to look at maps, and at the end of this project, you will each be making your own maps of your school building.

Your participation in this project is voluntary-this means that you can decide whether or not you want to do this project. If you want to stop doing the project at any time, you can stop. The videotapes and all the other information from this project will be kept private and secure. The videotapes will be kept in a locked file cabinet and only people who work on this project will be able to look at them. The videotapes will be coded to remove your names and will be erased after the project is finished. This project won't go on your school record or count toward your math grade. If you decide not to do this project, you will do other math work during the time your classmates learn about maps.

If you have any questions, you can call Patti Purple at 244-1111 or e-mail her at pattipurple@uiuc.edu, or call Viola Vermilion at 244-2222 or e-mail her at vermilion@uiuc.edu or you can ask us questions when we come to your class. You will be given a copy of this form to keep.

Student Signature

Date

If you have any questions about your rights as a research participant please contact Anne Robertson, Bureau of Educational Research, 217-333-3023, or ber-irb@ed.uiuc.edu or the Institutional Review Board at 217-333-2670 or irb@uiuc.edu