

Hello [insert name],

My name is Leah Catching and I am a doctoral candidate at San Francisco State University. I am writing to let you know about an opportunity to participate in a research study that I am conducting for my dissertation research on the impacts of transitional kindergarten policy in California. You were referred to me by [insert name] because you are an [early childhood educator/family child care owner/ center director/transitional kindergarten teacher/curriculum expert in your district/parent of a 3-4 year old child]

The purpose of this research is to understand the impacts of transitional kindergarten and your experiences with the expansion of this program. Participating in this research study includes one 45- to 60-minute individual interview via Zoom at a time convenient to you. Should you decide to participate, you may also stop at any time. All your answers are confidential and anonymous. If you want additional information about this study, please contact me at lcatching@sfsu.edu

Please let me know if you have any questions and if you would be interested in the interview. I look forward to hearing back from you.

Thank you for your time.

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