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{DATE}

{TITLE OF PROJECT}

Informed Assent Form

Dear student,

I would like you to help in my research project. This project is done by {INSERT NAME OF RESEARCHER} from {NAME OF UNIVERSITY}. You will be asked to {IN LAYMAN'S TERMS, CLEARLY STATE WHAT IS STUDY IS ABOUT}. Please read carefully, taking as much time as you need.

For this research project, you will be asked to give {TOTAL ANTICIPATED TIME REQUIRED FOR PARTICIPATION} of your time. You will do {LIST THE METHODS OF DATA COLLECTION PARTICIPANTS WILL COMPLETE, INCLUDING A DESCRIPTION OF THE TYPES OF QUESTIONS THEY MAY BE ASKED, IF APPLICABLE}.

You can ask questions about this study at any time. If you have questions about this project, you or your parents may contact {LIST THE PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR, PHONE NUMBER, AND EMAIL ADDRESS}.

If you decide at any time you do not want to finish, you can ask to stop. If you decide to stop, that is fine and you will not be in trouble.

The following are **risks** or dangers that may occur with participation: {INSERT RISKS}. The following are **benefits** or advantages that may occur with participation: {INSERT BENEFITS}.

If you sign this paper, it means that you have read this and that you want to be in the research project. If you do not want to be in the project, don't sign this paper. Being in this project is up to you, and no one will be upset if you don't sign this paper or if you change your mind later.

Your signature

Your printed name

Date