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Dear student,

I am a researcher from the University of British Columbia (UBC) and I am interested in learning about how students think, write and talk about science and creativity. Your teacher has agreed to let my research assistants be present during your field trip to the Michael Smith Laboratory at UBC. These research assistants are themselves students at UBC and they are eager to observe and learn from you and your classmates as you participate in the Science Creative Literacy Symposia (SCLS) field trip.

I am writing to ask if you would help us by filling in two online questionnaires and letting the research assistants include you in observations that they make during the field trip. The research assistants will take notes as they watch your class. They may ask to make a copy of things that you write or draw during the field trip. You may say no to having your work copied and you may choose not to answer any of the questions even if you have agreed to fill in the questionnaire. After the field trip, I might invite you to take part in a small group discussion (Focus Group interview) with your classmates at your school on a day and time that will be most convenient to your teacher and your class. I will use the notes, questionnaires and worksheets to learn how students think about science and creativity. I may also use them to write reports for books, journals and conferences.

I will not use your name or the name of your school or teacher in anything that I say or write about this study. I will remove your name from anything that we copy. I will only share your worksheets and questionnaires with other researchers and assistants who are working on the study with me. Choosing to be part of the study or not will not affect your marks in science and will not be included in your report card or any other assessments. You are totally free to decide with your parents if you would or would not like to participate.

You can also change your mind and decide not to participate at any time – just let me know or ask your parents to contact me and I will remove all of your work from the study. You can also ask me not to use any specific contribution that you make. Thank you for taking the time to decide if you would like to participate.

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