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Dear Parents and Guardians,

In the next few weeks your son or daughter will be visiting UBC campus with their class. They will be participating in a field trip called the Science Creative Literacy Symposia (SCLS), and I am writing to invite your child to participate in a research project about the field trip. The goal of this study is to understand how programs like SCLS can change how students think about their abilities and interests in science. Data collected during the study will help us improve the SCLS and offer advice to other similar education programs.

- This study will take place during March - June 2015 while your child is visiting UBC. Just because your child is participating in the field trip you do not need to agree to them being part of the study. If you do agree, we will ask for permission to include your child in observations made at the SCLS field trip. Research assistants will be watching the field trips and making hand written notes about what they see.
- We will invite your child to be part of a focus group interview (*only if your child's school is selected for a focus group*) in June. These will take approximately 10-15 minutes and be done at school at a time that is convenient for the teacher and the class.
- We may also make a copy of your child's writing and/or drawings at the SCLS with yours and your child's permission.
- We will invite your child to complete an online questionnaire while they are at UBC, before and after the SCLS program. The questionnaire is about how they see and understand science and how they see themselves as scientific.

All of this will be collected without your child's name or we will remove their name as soon as we can. And we will never share their name or any other information that would identify them. Please find attached the consent form for you to read and sign so that your child may participate in this study. For more information about this project, please contact:
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