

Dear Instructional Team Members:

You have expressed interest in participating in a course or activity supported by the Rocky Mountain-Middle School Mathematics and Science Partnership (RM-MSMSP). This project is funded by the National Science Foundation which requires a level of research to be conducted to determine the impact of the project activities on the participants. This arrangement provides the RM-MSMSP team with an opportunity to determine the effectiveness of our efforts.

The benefits of this project are comprehensive and include reaching our three goals of Enhanced Teacher Quality, Access to Challenging Curriculum, and an Enhanced Teacher Pipeline. The impact of the research on you as a participant will be minimal. Any use of answers or performance measures will be confidential. All personal information will be removed from your documents prior to research use and data will be stored in a secure database used only by RM-MSMSP project personnel. You may be asked to participate in classroom observations and/or follow-up interviews, which can occur with *each* course you instruct. Observation information and interview responses will not contain identifying information. We will do everything we can to keep your records a secret. It cannot be guaranteed. Both the records that identify you and the consent form signed by you may be looked at by others. They are: Federal agencies that monitor human subject research, Human Subject Research Committee, the group paying for the study, and regulatory officials where the research is being conducted who want to make sure the research is being done right. The results from the research may be shared at a meeting. The results from the research may be published articles. Your name will be kept private when information is presented.

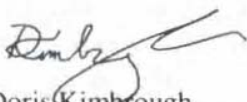
We are looking forward to working with you during your participation in the RM-MSMSP project. Feel free to forward questions pertaining to the research activities to Brian Cobb at bcobb@cahs.colostate.edu. You may have questions about your rights as someone in this study. You can call the Human Subject Research Committee (HSRC) at (303) 724-1055.

Please be advised that:

- the expected duration of your participation will be the year you participate as well as subsequent years of the grant
- you may withdraw from the study at any time

Sign and date the bottom of this letter and keep the second copy for your records.

Sincerely,



Doris Kimbrough
Principal Investigator, RM-MSMSP

I have read the letter detailing the purpose and procedures involved as part of my participation in the RM-MSMSP.

I agree to participate _____

I decline participation _____

Name (print) _____

Signature _____