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Dear Parent or Guardian,

We are contacting the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the 150 students who will be participating in the summer camps supported by the Rocky Mountain Middle School Math and Science Partnership (RM-MSMSP). We will be monitoring the progress of the project in which your child will participate this summer as part of the requirements of the funding agency supporting this project, the National Science Foundation, requires that we prepare and implement an evaluation plan to determine the extent to which the project reaches its goals and objectives. That is our role.

In an effort to understand the impact of the summer camps, we need your assistance. Shortly after your child arrives at camp, she/he will be asked to complete a survey of attitudes toward math and science (enclosed for your review). This survey will be administered twice, once at the beginning of the session and once at the end of the camp. These surveys will provide us with information about your child's impressions of the camp and a comparison set of data for each child regarding their interest in math and science.

All data collected by RMMSMSP Project Team will be *confidential* and kept in a secure database. Individual information will not be shared with agencies outside the RMMSMSP. Evaluation reports will include the information you provide, however, it will be combined with data from other respondents and will not include identifying information. Although minimal, some potential risks should you choose for your child to participate in this research include: the potential breach of confidentiality and possibly some level of discomfort or embarrassment during survey responses since your child may be asked about their performance in the program, achievement, or feelings about math and science in general. We will do everything we can to keep your records a secret, but 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.

Student responses to attitude and satisfaction surveys, such as the one enclosed with this letter, are important to the success of projects like the RM-MSMSP. Thank you for reviewing this letter and the enclosed survey. Please sign and date the bottom of this letter to give consent for your child to participate in the research portion (survey) of this project. Please keep the second copies for your records. Your child will not be paid for participation in this study. Please contact us if you have any concerns or questions regarding this letter or the survey.

If you have any questions about the research activities, feel free to contact Dr. Carole Basile at [carole.basile@cudenver.edu](mailto:carole.basile@cudenver.edu). You may have questions about your child's rights as someone in this study. If you do, please call the Human Subject Research Committee (HSRC) at (303) 724-1055.

Please be advised that:

- your decision for your child to participate or not participate in the research does not affect their participation in any aspect of RM-MSMSP summer camp activity.
- the expected duration of participation will be the timeframe your child participates in RM-MSMSP activities.
- you may withdraw your child from this study at any time while remaining in the activity with no penalty.

Sincerely,



Carole Basile  
Project Evaluator

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I have read the letter detailing the purpose and procedures involved as my child's part of his/her participation in the RM-MSMSP summer camps.

I agree to participation of my child \_\_\_\_\_

I decline participation of my child \_\_\_\_\_

Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Encl: Attitude survey and assent letter