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**Parent Information of Research for J. W. Eater Junior High School**

Dear Parents and Guardians:

This year, your student's teacher will be involved in research with University of Illinois educators. The teachers will meet with the research team once a week before the school day begins. In these morning sessions, the teachers will be learning about powerful instructional strategies to use during their teaching so that your student can learn the material more deeply. Superintendent Michelle Ramage and Principals Ryan Green and Mike Penicook invited and approve of this research.

In order to do this work, the teachers will be examining your student's daily work, quizzes, and tests to help them identify strengths and weakness so that they know better how to deliver instruction in your student's classroom. A researcher may observe your student's teachers to take notes on the teacher's instructional practices.

Your student's work will NOT be identifiable to the researchers. If the researchers use your student's work to document the effectiveness of the research, your student's name will be removed by the teacher. The research team will also access standardized test scores to assess individual and school improvement. Your student's test scores will NOT be identifiable. There are also times when laws and university rules might require us to disclose study information to university and state auditors and departments of the university responsible for research oversight. This is to ensure that proper research practices are taking place.

We do not anticipate any risks to your student as the teacher participates in the study. The research involves no more than minimal risk to your student. Your student will simply attend class as she or he normally would.

**No parental/guardian signature is required if you consent. You do not need to do anything. Also, choosing to participate or not participate will not affect your student's status with the school, school district, or teacher.**

If you do not consent, you can contact Dr. William T. Trent at [w-trent@illinois.edu](mailto:w-trent@illinois.edu), or your student's teacher or principal. You may also sign the form signature below. Please make sure your student returns the signed form no later than August xx, 2017.

If you have any questions about the research, please contact Dr. William Trent at [w-trent@illinois.edu](mailto:w-trent@illinois.edu) or at 217-333-6153. If you have any questions about your student's rights as a participant in this study or any concerns or complaints, please contact the University of Illinois Institutional Review Board at 217-333-2670 or via email at [irb@illinois.edu](mailto:irb@illinois.edu).

\_\_\_\_\_ I do NOT want my student's work included in the study. Please sign below and return to your student's teacher.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Student Name