Appendix D

Letter to Parents or Guardians
Dear Parent/Guardian,

Students in grades 9 to 12 at your son’s / daughter’s high school will be asked to participate in an anonymous survey on their work and school experiences designed by educational researchers at Virginia Tech. Your son or daughter will be advised that participation is voluntary.

The primary investigators in the survey are Myrna Ransome, Ph.D. student, and Professor Kusum Singh of Virginia Tech. The “Work, School, and Social Experiences of High School Students Survey” was administered to students during the regular school hours by their class teacher and a team of researchers from Virginia Tech. The survey includes items on general student information, work behavior, academic experiences, academic engagement, and work effects.

Permission to conduct the study has been granted by the Virginia Tech Institutional Review Board and the superintendent of your educational division. The information from the study is important to make decisions for high school students. If you agree for your son or daughter to participate in the study please sign this form.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Myrna Ransome
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