Appendix C

Instructions to Teachers
School Relationships and Experiences Study

Dear Teacher:

Thank you for participating in this study. We look forward to discussing the results with you next fall. Please read the following instructions out loud once the students have received the survey.

Instructions to Read Aloud:

This is a survey about you, your school experiences, your experiences in science classes, and your relationships with friends, family, and people at school. This is not a test and there are no right or wrong answers.

You can choose whether or not to fill out this survey. It takes about 35 minutes to complete. There are questions on both sides of each page. You will not put your name on this survey, so you will be anonymous.

Take your time and please be sure to answer each question based on what you really think. Your answers will be kept PRIVATE. The researchers are from Virginia Tech and they will not share individual data with anyone from your home or school.

Please turn to page 11. This section asks questions about important adults in your life. First, you will list the names or initials of the most important adults. Next, you will provide information about the first 10 adults ONLY. It is okay if you have less than 10. There are questions on page 12, 13, and 14 about each adult (labeled adults 1 to 10). Please keep this in mind when you are answering these questions.

When you finish this survey, please return it to me (your teacher). At this time, I will give you a note to take home to your parents about your participation in the survey.