**SAINT ELIZABETH UNIVERSITY INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD (IRB)**

**IMPLIED CONSENT FOR ANONYMOUS, MINIMAL RISK Surveys**

The introductory statement to your survey should include information about the purpose of the survey and the time needed to complete the survey. You should also mention that participation is voluntary, and that anyone may skip questions. You should conclude your introduction with a statement that by continuing with the survey, respondents are giving their consent to participate. Finally, be sure to include your name, @steu.edu email address, and phone number.

Note: You may adapt this sample for online or “paper and pencil” surveys if you:

1. Cannot identify participants AND
2. Ask questions that pose minimal risk (defined as activities experienced in normal daily life).

**Do NOT use this form if you are distributing a survey to a small group, e.g. a classroom. In these instances, adapt the Standard Adult Consent Form (Form 2).**

Sample

Dear Colleague:

All of us at John Jones High School recognize the importance of preparing our students for the 21st century workplace. To help our school better prepare students, I am conducting a study about best practices in 21st century pedagogy and I want to elicit your feedback. The study is part of my doctoral program at Saint Elizabeth University. Superintendent Dr. Jones has approved this study and results should provide information that we can use to address any concerns you have so we can improve our curriculum.

I am asking you as a teacher at John Jones High School to complete an anonymous online survey about your experience with our new curriculum. The survey takes about ten minutes to complete.

Your participation is voluntary, and you may skip any question that you do not want to answer. Since it is impossible to identify respondents, there is no way to penalize or reward anyone for participating or declining to participate.

Please feel free to contact me at [ssmith@steu.edu](mailto:ssmith@steu.edu) or 973-290-xxxx if you have questions about this survey.

By continuing with this survey, you are agreeing to participate, please go to (Put URL here) to take this survey. [If you are not using an online survey, explain how to take the survey.]

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