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Dear Parent:

My name is Erica Holliday Hurst and I am currently enrolled in the Psychology Honours program at the University of Manitoba. My primary area of interest lies in School Psychology. As part of my Honours Thesis project, I will be conducting a research project, under the supervision of Dr. Barry Mallin, PhD, aimed at gathering data that can be used to establish report writing guidelines for School Psychology reports.

As you may be aware, School Psychology reports are important tools for explaining and improving behavioural, social, emotional and academic functioning for those students that have been referred for evaluation. These reports can have a tremendous impact on the allocation of resources and intervention strategies that are made available to the student. As such, it is important that consumers of school psychology reports (parents, teachers, other professionals) find them easy to understand. It is also crucial that School Psychology reports outline intervention strategies that are realistic given available resources, and that have a high likelihood of being implemented.

It is with this goal in mind that I am seeking to recruit parents to take part in a study that will focus specifically on the recommendation section of School Psychology reports. As one of the primary consumers of School Psychology reports, parents have a vested interest in ensuring that these reports meet these standards noted above.

Interested parents will be asked to take part in an online survey. You will begin by accessing an online survey website where you will be asked to review an Informed Consent form outlining the detailed instructions for completing the survey. We suggest that you print a copy of this document for your records. If you choose to take part in the study, you can acknowledge consent by clicking the appropriate box, at which time you will proceed with the survey where you will be asked to review a School Psychology report and answer a few questions about the content of the report. The final part of the survey involves participants answering a few general questions designed to help us qualify our findings. Complete instructions will be provided on the survey website.

Participation in the study will require a minimal time commitment (approximately 30 minutes), and each participant will be offered compensation in the form of a \$5.00 Tim Horton's gift card. Results of the study will be made available to all participants at a later date. If you are interested in taking part in this study, please visit this link <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7P26WK9>

If you would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 204-871-0701 or via email at [umholli5@cc.umanitoba.ca](mailto:umholli5@cc.umanitoba.ca). Alternatively, you may contact Dr. Mallin at 204-474-8257 or [mallin@cc.umanitoba.ca](mailto:mallin@cc.umanitoba.ca).

Sincerely,

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