

Letter reminding parents of the upcoming assessments

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«GuardianName»
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«mStreet2»
«mCity», «mState» «mZip»

Phone: «Dayphone»
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Dear «GuardianName»:

Westat is about to begin the fifth and final round of data collection for the Pre-Elementary Education Longitudinal Study (PEELS), sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Special Education Research (NCSEER). We want to thank you for your continuing participation in this important study.

We'd like to remind you that this last round of data collection will involve only a child assessment. We will not be contacting you for a telephone interview or asking teachers for information on your child's educational program. The child assessments, which are typically completed at school, will begin at the end of January. Your child's PEELS assessor will send you a letter confirming the specific date and time of the assessment.

Responses to this data collection are voluntary and will be used only for statistical purposes. The reports prepared for this study will summarize findings across the sample and will not associate responses with a specific district or individual. We will not provide information that identifies individuals or their districts to anyone outside the study team, except as required by law.

We've included the most recent edition of the *PEELS Winter Times*. This newsletter shares results from earlier rounds of the study on topics such as parent satisfaction and changes in services. If you have questions about the study, you can send an email to questions@peels.org or visit our web site: www.peels.org. Thanks again for your help in making this study such a success.

Sincerely,

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