

Appendix D

Introductory Letters to Students and Parents

How long will it take?

On average, the interview lasts about 20 minutes. Web interview time will vary depending on your Internet connection speed.

Are there any benefits or risks to my participation?

Your participation in BPS will help ensure the success of the study and help policymakers and educators better understand the costs and benefits of postsecondary education. There are no other known benefits to your participation. The risk of participation in this study relates to data security and is minimal, given the strict confidentiality and security procedures in place.

How can I get a copy of the results?

Publications from previous studies are available free of charge on the NCES website at <http://www.nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/>. Results from the current study are scheduled to be released in 2010 and will be posted on the NCES site as soon as they are available.

Where can I get more information about BPS?

For more information on participating, visit the study's website at <http://surveys.nces.ed.gov/bps>.

To make an appointment to complete the interview by telephone, or for assistance in completing the web interview, call 1-800-334-2321 (toll-free).

You may also contact us by

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If you have questions or concerns, you may contact the following:

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If you have questions about your rights as a study participant, please call RTI's Institutional Review Board at 1-866-214-2043 (toll-free) or send an e-mail message to orpe@rti.org regarding IRB number 11899.

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