

APPENDIX H

CONSENT FORM FOR PILOTING STUDENT ASSESSMENT

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Your child's school is participating in a study to test a student math assessment. The student math assessment will be used in the Study of Secondary Math Teachers from Alternative Routes to Certification. Your school district has given Mathematica Policy Research, Inc. permission to conduct this test so we can improve the assessment. While your child will not receive any direct benefit from participating in this test, this test will help us design a better study to learn about how to improve the quality of middle and high school math teachers. Participating in the study poses no risk to your child.

Your child's class will be given a computerized assessment of math skills during a regular school day in the spring of 2009. This test will have **no effect on your child's grades**, but it will **help us learn more about the assessment**. Participation in the study is voluntary, and your child can stop participating at any time. If you do not want your child to take part in the study it will not affect the instruction or other services your child receives at school.

The confidentiality of students, teachers, and schools participating in the study will be protected. Only the researchers conducting the study will have access to the data that are collected as part of the study. District officials, principals, teachers, and other school staff will not have access to the study data. The data for all classes and students in the study from this district will be combined when presented.

Again, there are no potential risks to your child. However, if you do not want your child to participate in the test of the math assessment, please call me, Kathy Sonnenfeld, at Mathematica Policy Research, Inc. (609) 275-2293 or toll-free at (866) 330-9199. I'll need to know your child's name, his or her math teacher's name, and school. Otherwise, you need not do anything.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. Thank you in advance for your help with this important study.

Sincerely,