

**PHASE 1 (COMPREHENSIVE) INITIAL COVER LETTER**

Date

Name

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Dear <<Teacher Name>>:

Thank you for returning your form to us indicating you have worked as an educator in Minnesota in the past twelve months. At this time, we are following up regarding the Minnesota Educators' Study. We have enclosed an information sheet on the back of this letter, regarding the purpose and methods of this study, and about the drawing of 250 randomly selected individuals for the \$100 savings bonds. The opportunity for receiving a bond will be at least 1 in 75 individuals; however, this will vary based on the number of respondents. Individuals who are awarded the bonds will be notified at the completion of the data collection for both phases of the study (approximately May 2006).

For this initial portion of the study, participation includes completing and returning the enclosed questionnaire *whether or not you experienced either physical or non-physical violence*. Involvement in this study is voluntary, and choosing not to participate will not affect your future relations with any of the persons or institutions involved in this effort.

If you have any questions, please contact us at 612-626-4801 or toll free at 1-877-70-TEACH (1-877-708-3224). If you have any questions or concerns regarding this study and would like to talk to someone other than the researchers, you are encouraged to contact the Research Subjects' Advocate Line, D528 Mayo, 420 Delaware St. Southeast, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55455; (612) 625-1650. **We look forward to your potential contribution to this important study and would appreciate your completing and returning the questionnaire by <<date>>.** A postage-paid, return envelope is included for your convenience.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures