

**EMPLOYER VALIDITY SUB-STUDY LETTER**

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Dear (Principal name):

Educators have been identified as being at risk for violence. We invite your participation in a study of Minnesota schools and relevant violence policies. Information from this effort will be used to better understand the current work environment in Minnesota schools. Enclosed, please find a one-page survey to complete regarding your school during 2004 and 2005. We would appreciate your returning this in the enclosed, stamped envelope by <<date>>.

Participation in this study is voluntary. Refusal to participate will not affect your future relations with any of the institutions involved in this effort. We assure you that your participation and all information collected in this study will remain completely confidential and will be reported only in aggregate form. In any published reports, there will be no information identifying any individual or associated institution.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Susan Gerberich or Dr. Nancy Nachreiner at 612-626-4801 or toll free 1-877-70-TEACH. 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 involvement in this important study and appreciate your completing and returning the survey as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures