

**“What are Teachers’ Experiences of SMART Board Technology in the New Westminster School District?”**

I am a graduate student at Simon Fraser University’s Masters program in Educational Technology and Learning Design. I am working on a group class research project and I would like to invite you to participate. The following information is provided to help you decide whether you wish to volunteer as a participant in this research project, **“What are Teachers’ Experiences of SMART Board Technology in the New Westminster School District?”** Please be aware that you can decide not to participate and that you can withdraw at any point.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of the research project is to document your insights, success and challenges using SMART Boards in the classroom. Your valuable feedback will help us gain an understanding of your SMART Board usage and expectations.

**HOW WILL I PARTICIPATE?**

We want you to tell us your perceptions about using SMART Boards. You will participate in an interview lasting no longer than 45 minutes. Your interview responses will be recorded by notes and/or digital audio with your permission.

**WHAT ABOUT CONFIDENTIALITY?**

Collected data will be kept confidential and anonymous. In addition, data collected will only be used for this one group class assignment. Your name will not be associated with research findings in any way. Only the researchers will know your identity. No reference will be made in verbal or written form that could link your name to the project. If digital recordings are made, they will be stored on a password protected computer or server to which only the research team members have access. All data will be destroyed at the end of the project.

**PARTICIPANT RISKS/BENEFITS**

Please be assured there are no known risks and/or individual discomfort associated with this study.

**HOW WILL MY FEEDBACK BE USED?**

Your participation will contribute towards the development of a research document for a class project. This document will include findings of teacher expectations, perceptions, success and challenges with SMART Board usage in the New Westminster School District. Our team would be happy to share the insights with you after the research is completed. You are welcomed to ask questions about the study before, during or after participation.

**HOW DO I GIVE CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE?**

Please sign this consent form. By signing this form, you acknowledge that you have read and understand the information about the study described in this document. You will receive a copy of this form for your records. If you have any questions or concerns about the study or the procedures at any time, you may contact my instructor Alyssa Wise at 778-782-8046 or by e-mail at

Are you OK with audio recording?                      Yes \_\_\_\_\_                      No \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_                      Date \_\_\_\_\_

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