



## PARENTAL CONSENT FOR PARTICIPATION IN RESEARCH Students under the age of 18

Project Title: Vision of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning

Investigators: Michelle Speight (Specialist - Innovative Learning Services), Dr. Edit Petrovic (Facilitator – Research and Development) and/or Mavis Wheatcroft (Specialist – Innovative Learning Services)

This consent form, a copy of which has been given to you, is only part of the process of informed consent. It should give you the basic idea of what the research is about and what the participation of your son/daughter will involve. If you would like more detail about something mentioned here, or information not included here, you should feel free to ask. Please take the time to read this carefully. This research study is being undertaken to investigate the conditions which impact technology enhanced teaching and learning. Results from this study will be used to inform our understanding of the current situation in CBE schools to better inform the development of a system wide Educational Technology Strategy. This work will include the development of a Learning Continuum Toolkit, which will be used to gather information and provide assessments, which create responsive, flexible learning programs that individualize and differentiate instruction. Interviews will be conducted by Michelle Speight and may include Dr. Edit Petrovic or Mavis Wheatcroft. Interviews will be recorded using digital audio and video to provide the most accurate information for analysis. Audio files and video recordings may be used in CBE publications or presentations. The results may be shared within CBE or presented locally and provincially at meetings and conferences.

Should you agree to allow your son/daughter to participate in the study, he/she may be invited to participate in an interview to discuss his/her experiences with technology-enhanced learning. Interviews will last approximately 45 minutes. Student participation in this project is important to us. While there is no direct benefit to your son/daughter taking part in this research, what we may learn from the study will benefit future learners who are using technology to support their learning. Please read the consent form that follows and if you decide to give you consent, respond by sending an email with your approval to us.



## Consent

I, (please print) give my permission for my son/daughter to participate in a focus group entitled “Vision for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning being moderated by CBE’s Innovative Learning Services department: Michelle Speight, Specialist, and potentially Dr. Edit Petrovic, facilitator of research and development or Mavis Wheatcroft, Specialist.

- I understand that my son/daughter may be invited to participate in a focus group interview to discuss their experiences using technology enhancements to learning. I further understand that my son/daughter does not need to take part in the interview if he/she chooses not to participate. Interviews will be held at your child’s school and will take about 45 minutes.
- I understand that there are no anticipated risks to subjects arising from my child’s participation in the study. However, in the event that my son/daughter suffers injury as a result of participating in this research, no compensation or treatment will be provided for me by the Innovative Learning Services, CBE or the researchers. I still have all my legal rights. Nothing said here about treatment or compensation in any way alters my legal right to recover damages.
- I understand that the results of this project will be coded in such a way that the name of my son/daughter or identifying information will not be physically attached to the final information contributed.
- I understand that the results of this research may be published or reported to government agencies or scientific groups, but the name of my son/daughter will not be associated in any way with the published results.

If you have further questions concerning matters related to this research, please contact:

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