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Dear Student:

I am doing research about students' beliefs about the importance of effort and ability. I would like to know if the way children are raised is related to their ideas about the roles of effort and ability in school success. I am asking students to participate in this research.

In this research you will be asked to complete several questionnaires. The questionnaires address beliefs about the importance of effort and ability for school success, self-esteem, depression, risk-taking, strategies for learning, and your perception of your parents' style of parenting. You will also be asked to provide demographic information and information about grades. There are no apparent risks associated with filling out these questionnaires.

You will not be asked to put your name on the questionnaires. The results from this research may be presented at a professional meeting or published in a professional journal but names or other identifying information will not be revealed.

You are under no obligation to participate in this project. If you give your consent, you are free to change your mind at any time without negative consequences. If you have any comments or concerns about participation in this study, please let me know. If for some reason, you do not want to contact me, you may contact the Institutional Review Board which is concerned with the protection of volunteers in research projects. They can be reached between 8:00 and 5:00, Monday through Friday at 251-460-6308. You will be given a copy of this consent form to keep.

If you are willing to participate, please sign below. If you have any questions, please contact me at 460-6371.

Sincerely,

Lisa A. Turner, Ph.D.
Associate Professor

I agree to participate in the research described above.

Participant's Signature

Participant's Printed Name

Date

Birthdate

