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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Your son/daughter has been invited to participate in the Texas Adolescent Tobacco and Marketing Surveillance Study (TATAMS). The purpose of this project is to further our understanding about the different types of tobacco products used by youth and the impact of tobacco product marketing on their tobacco use behaviors. **Your child does not need to be a tobacco user to take part in this study.** Data collected through TATAMS will be used by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to drive future decisions about potential restrictions on tobacco marketing and sales to prevent youth tobacco use. The University of Texas School of Public Health at the UT Health Sciences Center is conducting the study. Randomly selected middle, junior high, and high schools across four cities in the state (Austin, Dallas/Ft. Worth, Houston, and San Antonio) will be invited to take part so that we can accurately represent the population of these cities. **This project has been approved by the principal at your son or daughter's school, as well as by your school district.**

If you provide your consent, your child will be asked to complete a 30 minute survey at school on his/her tobacco use behaviors and will be asked to complete the surveys up to 5 more times outside of school. As a courtesy, we will attempt to notify you before each survey. Your child will not need any help completing the surveys, nor will you have to drive your child anywhere for this study. As a thank you, your child will be provided a \$10 gift card for each survey, for a total up to \$60. The attached consent form provides more detail on the study.

Please read the attached consent form and return the completed form to your child's teacher as soon as possible. Should you have any questions, please call me at (512) 391-2526, or Joanne Delk at (512) 482-6173 or toll free at 1-800-346-6163.

Thank you for taking part in a project to promote the health of our Texas school children!

Sincerely,

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Texas Adolescent Tobacco and Marketing Surveillance Study (TATAMS) Parent/Guardian Information Sheet and Consent Form

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE: Your child is invited to take part in the Texas Adolescent Tobacco and Marketing Surveillance Study (TATAMS). **Your child does not need to be a tobacco user to take part in this study.** TATAMS has been approved by the principal at your child's school and the school district. This study has 4 locations across Texas: Austin, Dallas-Ft. Worth, Houston, and San Antonio. It will enroll a total of 5,500 students.

PURPOSE: The purpose of TATAMS is to understand the different types of tobacco products used by youth and the impact of tobacco product marketing. Data collected will be used by the Food and Drug Administration to drive future decisions about potential restrictions on tobacco marketing and sales to prevent youth tobacco use.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND TIME COMMITMENT: Project activities include a student survey about his/her tobacco use behaviors and exposure to tobacco product marketing. With this consent form, we are asking your permission for your child to participate in this survey 6 times, once every 6 months. We will attempt to notify you prior to each survey so that you are aware that the survey will take place. Adolescence is an important time in life when tobacco use begins. It is important that we follow children over time to understand how these behaviors develop and how tobacco marketing affects them.

The first survey will be administered in school by trained research staff. If your child does not participate, he/she may do school work while participating students are completing the survey. The follow-up surveys will be conducted outside of school. They will be administered using a web- or phone-based survey, given yours and your child's preference. You will not need to provide any help for them to complete the surveys. The total amount of time your child will take part in this study is 3 hours, if they take all of the surveys. Each survey should take about 30 minutes to complete. In order to contact your child to participate in follow up surveys we will ask your child to follow the study's social media pages or feeds, such as Facebook or Twitter. However, they may chose not to and still participate in the study.

RISKS AND CONFIDENTIALITY: The surveys are considered safe and pose no risk to your child. A loss of confidentiality is always possible. Every effort is made to prevent this by storing your child's name separately from his/her survey. The information collected is confidential and private and will always be kept in a secure location. It is available only to scientists and their staff. The results of the study may be published, but will never mention any student or school by name. Only a number will be used to identify your child throughout the study.

STUDY REFUSAL AND WITHDRAWAL: You may refuse to have your child take part or you may withdraw your child from the project at any time. Doing so will not change the services that are available to your child from his/her school nor affect his/her grades, extracurricular activities, eligibility in the free or reduced school lunch program, or overall standing in the school. Refusal will not affect your child's relationship with the University of Texas. Your child will be asked for their assent prior to each survey and may refuse to participate at any time.

COSTS AND COMPENSATION: Your child's involvement in this study will not cost you any money. As a thank you for your child's involvement, we will provide your child with a \$10 gift card for each survey, for a total of up to \$60.

QUESTIONS: This study (HSC-SPH-13-0377) has been reviewed by the Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects (CPHS). If you have questions about your child's rights as a research subject, call the CPHS at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston at (713) 500-3985. TATAMS is funded by a grant from the National Institutes of Health and is conducted by the UT Health Science Center at Houston. Melissa H. Stigler, PhD is the Principal Investigator. She can be reached at (512) 391-2526.

**Decision about My Son's/Daughter's Participation
in the Texas Adolescent Tobacco and Marketing Surveillance (TATAMS) Project**

**SIGN THIS SHEET and RETURN IT IMMEDIATELY
to your son's/daughter's teacher at school.**

Please select an option:

- Yes, I **WANT** *my child* to take part in the TATAMS Project. I understand that my child will be asked to complete a 30 minute survey at school on his/her tobacco use behaviors and will be asked to complete the surveys up to 5 more times outside of school. As a thank you, my child will be provided a \$10 gift card for each survey, for a total up to \$60.
- No, I **DON'T WANT** *my child* to take part in TATAMS Project.

Print name of child

Print name of parent or legal guardian

Signature of parent or legal guardian

Date

Time

If you would like for your child to participate please provide the requested contact information below for one or two parents or guardians. This information will only be used to contact you to conduct the follow-up surveys with your child.

Parent/Guardian #1 Contact Information

Parent/Guardian #2 Contact Information

Name: _____

Name: _____

Email address: _____

Email address: _____

Home Phone: |_| |_| |_| - |_| |_| |_| - |_| |_| |_| |_|

Home Phone: |_| |_| |_| - |_| |_| |_| - |_| |_| |_| |_|

Cell Phone: |_| |_| |_| - |_| |_| |_| - |_| |_| |_| |_|

Cell Phone: |_| |_| |_| - |_| |_| |_| - |_| |_| |_| |_|

Work Phone: |_| |_| |_| - |_| |_| |_| - |_| |_| |_| |_|

Work Phone: |_| |_| |_| - |_| |_| |_| - |_| |_| |_| |_|

Facebook Name(optional): _____

Facebook Name(optional): _____

Twitter Handle(optional): _____

Twitter Handle(optional): _____

If you have questions or concerns about the project or your son's/daughter's participation, contact . . .

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Thank you for your time and consideration.



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