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LOUISIANA UNIVERSITY

To Whom It May Concern:

Teacher candidates completing requirements for field experience at your school are expected to videotape themselves teaching a lesson in their assigned classrooms. After the taped lesson, they must view the video, critique themselves and complete a reflection. This videotape will be also viewed by the mentor teacher and university supervisor. They will write comments and supply strengths and limitations they observed during the teacher candidates direct teaching experience. The videotape will not be viewed by anyone other than the teacher candidate and university supervisor.

I respectfully request that you allow Southeastern's teacher candidates to videotape a lesson with the students in their assigned classrooms. The focus of the video is for the reflective process for the teacher candidate, not the individual students in the classroom. I am also requesting that students in the classroom secure permission from their parent(s) or guardian(s) before taping begins, or at least have a waiver to videotape on file. Again, only university authorities mentioned above will view the videotape. This activity is strictly for the student teacher's professional development and growth as a future teacher.

Students who do not want to participate in the videotaped lesson can be removed from the lesson view during videotaping. Therefore, they can still receive the lesson, but they will not be seen in any part of the video.

Ahead, thank you for allowing Southeastern student teachers to complete their videotaped lessons in your school. If you have questions or concerns, please contact me by telephone (985-549-2229) or email (jordan.ahrend@southeastern.edu).

Sincerely,

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