



VIRGINIA BEACH CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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July 27, 2023

Jamie Jirout
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Dear Applicant:

This letter serves as the Office of Planning, Innovation, and Accountability's approval for your research study entitled "Curiosity in Classrooms." Your request to observe, survey, and collect data from 2nd and 3rd grade teachers and students regarding how teachers can encourage curiosity in children has been approved. Your research was approved with the understanding that all participation is voluntary, and all participants have been informed that there is no penalty for not participating or withdrawing. Additionally, your research was approved with the understanding that you will not identify the names of the participants, schools, or the school division in any potential reports. As always, the final decision to participate rests with the schools' principals, and you are expected to discuss your study with the principals prior to starting your research activities.

Our approval for your study will expire one year from the date of this letter. If there are any changes to your study, you must submit the changes to our office for review prior to proceeding. It is our expectation that you will submit an electronic copy of the final report upon its completion to the Office of Planning, Innovation, and Accountability. Please send the report to Robert.Veigel@vbschools.com. If you have any questions, please contact me at Robert.Veigel@vbschools.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Veigel", written over a horizontal line.

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