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College of Education

Department of Curriculum and Instruction

Dear Partner Schools and Families,

As part of the preparation of our teacher candidates, we require them to video record a lesson that they teach. The primary purpose for recording the lesson is to allow the teacher candidate to observe themselves teach under the supervision of a mentor teacher. In addition to learning how to effectively plan and teach the content area, the teacher candidate will assess their ability to use appropriate speech and body language during instruction. Video is an amazing instructional tool, providing teacher candidates with a view of their teaching that they cannot get without it.

Our teacher candidates will record a lesson, edit the video, and show it only to their instructors and a small group of peers for the purpose of professional reflection. Although the video involves both the teacher candidate and students, the focus will be on the instruction, not the student responses. However, in the course of video recording your child's first name, voice, and/or image may be present. No last names of participating children will be used at any time. It will not be posted or shared other than in this limited way and only for instructional purposes. All personal or education information regarding any child will remain confidential. Students who do not have permission to be included in the video can be placed so they are outside the camera range.

Your district's media release form serves as permission for your child to participate/not participate in these activities. We appreciate your cooperation with helping our teacher candidates become effective teachers.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



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