We are asking for your child’s classroom to be a part of a research study and video project. This form provides you with information about this study. Please read the following information. Please feel free to ask questions about anything you do not understand.

Your child’s teacher and classroom have been selected to be a part of a research project highlighting “effective” teachers. Our study wants to know what makes your child’s teacher so great. In our video project, we want to see how your child’s teacher makes learning effective, meaningful, and exciting. The friendly research team wants to video your child’s teacher and classroom to share these videos with other teachers in Hawaii schools in order to help create effective classrooms for all students.

In this study, we will be visiting your child’s classroom to interview the teacher and observe lessons 1-2 times. The lessons will be videotaped. These videos will be reviewed for the things that make your child’s teacher effective. The focus of the videotaping will be on your child’s teacher, but your child might be in the video too. Researchers will not ask your child any questions or interrupt the normal classroom instruction. This research will not affect your child’s grades or interactions with the teacher in anyway. Remember, your child does not have to participate and your child can withdraw at any time. This includes any of the activities that are videotaped.

**Important notes on giving your consent for your child’s participation:**

* We want to use these videos to help Hawaii Department of Education (HIDOE) teachers become better teachers. While we intend to share video with teachers in Hawai’i for professional development, the final complete, edited and approved videos will be licensed so they can be shared and copied for educational purposes. Additionally, we will analyze the videos for research purposes. We might talk about this study at classes, meetings, and conferences. We might also communicate the results in various reports, including graduate student work and, in these cases; we will always keep your child’s information private. Feel free to contact the researchers if you have any questions.

* If you give permission, we will ensure that your child’s name and other personally identifiable information (PII) will not be in the videos. If you do not provide permission, we will not intentionally videotape your child, and will edit any footage containing your child. All videos shared for professional development and research purposes will be edited for PII and reviewed and approved by HIDOE personnel before release. Additionally, all data containing PII will be destroyed within 30 days of the end of this project.

* Unedited footage may capture video of students engaging in inappropriate behaviors. Because we will share these videos for teacher professional development, we do not want to include any inappropriate student actions, especially when the student is identifiable. Videotapes will be reviewed, edited to remove such cases, and approved before release to ensure privacy.

* It will not cost your child anything to participate in this study. These videos will be used to help better your child’s future teachers.

* Raw video will be kept secure under lock and key by our team at University of Hawai‘i. The research team will keep the video until 30 days past the end of the project in Fall 2016. At such time, all original videos will be given to the HIDOE. Any footage with PII with either academic performance or negative student behaviors will be destroyed within 30 days of the end of the project. You reserve your right to withdraw consent at any time.
We will act in the best interests of your child. If at any time your child wants to stop participation in an activity or the study, please contact his or her teacher, or contact the researcher. We will talk with your child to make sure he/she is comfortable and safe, and stop the study being conducted in the classroom if necessary.

Agreement for your child to be in this study HIGHLIGHTING EFFECTIVE TEACHING STRATEGIES (HETS) PROJECT

If you sign, you give permission to University of Hawai‘i-Leeward Community College (UH-LEECC) and Hawai‘i Department of Education (HIDOE) to use videotape your child’s name, voice, work, and/or likeness for the Highlighting Effective Teaching Strategies (HETS) project. By signing, you understand that these recordings of your child will only be used for educational purposes. Permission is granted until you decide to change your mind; however, in order for your change of mind to become official, you must put it in writing and it will only be for future public use of the videos.

I give UH-LEECC and HIDOE permission to videotape or otherwise record my child’s name, voice, work, and/or likeness for the purpose of this project. Additionally, I authorize final videos to be licensed as CREATIVE COMMONS (CC BY) and individuals will be free to: share and adapt these videos so long as attribution is given to UH-LEECC and HIDOE. Additionally, permission to be in this study will be consent for anonymously collected data.

I have read and understand the information above. I understand the possible risks and benefits of this study. I understand that my child’s participation in this study is voluntary. I will get a copy of this consent form from the research team.

□ Yes, I agree to my child participating. □ No, I do not agree to my child participating.

Teacher’s Name: __________________________________________

Child’s Printed Name: ________________________________________

Parent’s Printed Name: _______________________________________

Parent’s Signature: _________________________________________

Researcher’s name: _________________________________________

Researcher’s signature: _____________________________________

If you have any questions about this project, please feel free to contact lead researcher Michael Cawdery, Assistant Professor, Associate in Arts in Teaching Program (AAT), Social Sciences, Leeward Community College, 96-045 Ala ‘Ike Pearl City, HI 96782, Phone: (808) 455-0361, email: cawdery@hawaii.edu. If you do not receive satisfactory answers to your questions or have comments or complaints about your treatment in this study, contact: University of Hawaii-Manoa Human Studies Program, email uhirb@hawaii.edu, Phone: (808) 956-5007

cc: participant

parental consent form