Dear Student,

In the next couple of weeks you will receive a telephone call asking you to participate in the Post-School Outcomes Project Survey. This is an important study being completed for the last public high school you attended or received services from and other schools in the state of Nebraska. You are being asked to participate because your answers will help us evaluate and improve services to students.

This telephone survey will take 15 to 20 minutes to complete. The survey questions were written to give us an idea of your experiences since leaving high school. For example, we will be asking about any training or education you have received or any jobs you have held since leaving high school. The interview will be conducted by a telephone interviewer from the Bureau of Sociological Research at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

We are giving this information to you before our phone call to encourage you to participate. You may wish to inform others in your household that you have been asked to participate in this survey and that you are expecting a call from an interviewer in the next couple of weeks.

If you have any questions or concerns about this interview, you can discuss them with the interviewer when you are called or you can contact us at 1-800-480-4549 before the call. More information about the Post-School Outcomes Project can be found on the back of this letter.

We look forward to talking to you and hope that you will agree to participate in the Post-School Outcomes Project Survey. Your responses are important and will help improve services to students in Nebraska schools.

Cordially,

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Frequently Asked Questions about the Post-School Outcomes Project Survey

How was I selected?

The Nebraska Department of Education requested that your name be given to us by the last high school you attended or received services from. We are speaking to students like you who had an Individualized Education Program (IEP) and left high school during the 2006-2007 school year. This project helps the State to fulfill a federal requirement.

What are the questions about?

The survey questions ask about your experiences since leaving high school which include work, training, and services from adult agencies.

What if I don’t want to answer specific questions?

Participation in this study is voluntary; you are free to decide not to participate. Your responses to the questions will be kept completely confidential. You do not have to answer any question that makes you feel uncomfortable, and you may end the interview at any time.

Why should I participate?

The results from this study will be used to improve services for students at your high school and other schools in Nebraska. We think you will enjoy completing the interview and having a chance to talk about issues important to you.

Who is responsible for this study? How can I contact them?

The interviews are being completed by the Bureau of Sociological Research at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln on behalf of the Nebraska Department of Education. The Bureau is led by director Dr. Julia McQuillan and assistant director Stacia Jorgensen. You may contact Dr. McQuillan directly at 402-472-6616 or via e-mail to jmcquillan2@unl.edu. You can reach the Bureau toll-free at 1-800-480-4549 or via e-mail to bosr@unl.edu. You may also want to visit the Web site at http://bosr.unl.edu to find out more about the Bureau and more about this study.