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VOLUNTARY STUDY OPPORTUNITY

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Dear Parents,

As you may know, some students may experience challenging moods and even depression during their teenage years. Our school is cooperating with a team from Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, led by Dr. Jami Young, on a research project to determine if different programs can help prevent depression in teens. As a first step, we are asking all students in the 9th & 10th grade to complete a brief survey about how they have been feeling. Students who complete the survey will have a chance to participate in one of the virtual programs being offered through the School Adolescent Mood Project. Since space is limited, not all students who complete the survey will be invited to participate.

Attached to this letter is a consent form that describes the School Adolescent Mood Project. You may also access the consent form by opening your camera and aiming it at the QR code below or by following this link:
<https://redcap.link/SAMConsent>.



If you have any questions about this project, you may call Dr. Jami Young, the study director, at 267-425-1328. You can also reach me at the number below. We encourage you to discuss this project with your child.

If you want your child to complete the survey about how s/he is feeling and to participate in the School Adolescent Mood Project, please **sign the last page of the consent form and email a photograph of it to SAM@chop.edu or sign the secure online consent form.**

In the coming months, the School Adolescent Mood Project will only meet with students whose parents have agreed to participate in the study. The team will explain the survey to your child. Your child can refuse to participate in the School Adolescent Mood Project, even if you would like your child to participate.

Thank you very much for your help.

Sincerely yours,

Rose M. Scioli, Ed.D.
Principal