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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are sending this letter to answer some frequently asked questions about the *istation's Indicators of Progress for Advanced Readers (ISIP-AR)* Study.

- **What is the purpose of this research study?**

We are collecting data to determine if an internet-based reading assessment called *istation's Indicators of Progress for Advanced Readers (ISIP-AR)* performs in the manner for which it was designed. Once finished, this assessment will help teachers to tailor their instruction to better meet the needs of students.

- **When did this project begin and when will it end?**

The project started this March and will end by the end of this school year.

- **What work might my child miss by participating in this study?**

Your child does not miss academic instruction. ISIP-AR replaces computer lab activities.

- **If I agree to let my child participate, can I change my mind later?**

Yes, participation is completely voluntary, and you or your child can choose to withdrawal from this study at anytime.

- **Who has access to information collected on my child?**

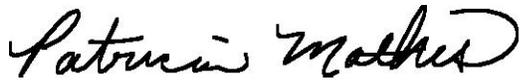
The only people who have access to a child's data are his or her parents, the SMU and istation research teams, and your child's teachers and administrators. Parents may request scores on any assessments we give throughout the year from the Institute for Reading Research.

- **Where can I get more information?**

Members of our research team are happy to answer any questions you may have about your child's participation in this project. You may contact the Project Coordinator, Dawn Levy at 214-768-8400.

Information and project updates are available on the Institute for Reading Research's website (www.smu.edu/readingresearch).

Sincerely,



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