**Recruitment email for schools**

**Title: "Study on political interest among youth - Request to participate"**

Dear xxx,

I am contacting your school as part of my doctoral dissertation project in political science, which focuses on the role of gender and social networks in the development of political interest.

As part of my doctoral research, I am conducting a survey among elementary and high school students from various schools. The Toronto Catholic District School Board has given me permission to contact schools and invite them to participate in my research. I am writing you to ask for your help in contacting your students and invite them to take part in my survey.

If possible, I would like to collect survey respondents from students at St Brendan Catholic School. If so, I would like to get your permission and the email addresses of the social studies [or other class name] teachers in grades [all available at the school among grades 5, 7, 9, and 11] so that I can reach out to them and ask if they are willing to schedule a 15-minute time slot for their students to complete the surveys. The results of this research will be summarized in a report and shared with your school after the end of the fieldwork.

The research ethics protocol, approved by the University of Toronto, is joined to this email. I am taking all safety precautions to reduce the risk of spread of COVID-19. If you would like more information about my project, you can email me at [alexandre.fortier.chouinard@mail.utoronto.ca](mailto:alexandre.fortier.chouinard@mail.utoronto.ca) or contact me at 581-989-8676. I will be happy to answer any questions you may have!

I thank you for your time and would appreciate hearing your decision (positive or negative) soon.

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**Recruitment email for school boards**

**Title: "Study on political interest among youth - Request to participate"**

Hello,

I am contacting your school board as part of my doctoral dissertation project in political science, which focuses on the role of gender and social networks in the development of political interest. In my research, I am giving a short online survey to late elementary and high school students from various schools. If possible, I would like to do some of my data collection in schools from Toronto Catholic District School Board. Should you agree, I would then contact each selected school individually to get approvals of the school, teachers, and students. The results of this research would be shared with the school and school board in a report.

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Thank you for giving me a positive or negative answer as soon as possible.

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**Reminder email for school boards**

**Title: "Study on political interest among youth - Request to participate"**

Hello,

I am contacting you to follow up on my request to contact schools from your school division for my doctoral project involving a short online questionnaire in some social studies/history classes. Would it be possible to have your approval to contact them?

Thank you!

Best regards,

Alexandre Fortier-Chouinard

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