**Consent Form B**

**Caminitos: Pathways to School Success for Families and Children**

**Title: Caminitos: Pathways to School Success for Families and Children IRB Approval Number:**

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You and your child are being asked to be a part of a research study. This consent form provides you with a great deal of information about the study, and it is possible for you to just sign the consent form and return it to your child’s teacher. However, if you want more information or just to talk to one of the researchers, we will be available at the ending of the school days for August 30-September 2, 2010.Your participation is voluntary. You can refuse to participate, and/or drop out of the study at any time. To do so, simply tell the researcher you wish to drop out. You can refuse to answer any questions for any reason. Your refusal will not impact current or future relationships with Texas State University, Hernandez School, or Head Start. A copy of the consent form for your records is included in your packet. This research is funded by Texas State University, Hernandez Elementary School, Head Start, and the Kenedy Foundation.

**The purpose of this study** is to facilitate the educational success of pre-K children in the San Marcos public schools. Your role will be to be a part of a comparison group of parents, i.e., the parent of a child at Hernandez who is not actively participating in attending parenting meetings for the project. Your participation will involve completing forms about you, your family and child.

**If you agree to be in this study**: You will be asked to complete a demographic form including information about your child (e.g., favorite types of play, eating habits, TV viewing habits), your family (e.g., number of children, number of adults in household), and you (e.g., your education, and employment). You will also be asked to complete three short forms (the Parent Behavior Checklist [PBC], 32 items, The Bi-dimensional Acculturation Scale for Hispanics [BASH], 24 items, and a Parental Self-Efficacy measure [PSE], 33 items). Examples of items for each of these measures include the following:

* (I can) help my child get good grades in school. (PSE)
* My child should be quiet when I’m on the phone. (PBC)
* How well do you speak Spanish? (BASH)

All of these forms will be done at the beginning and the ending of the project. You will receive $20 gift certificates each time you complete all the required forms at the first and last sessions of the project.

We will request assessments from Hernandez School and Head Start, which are regularly completed as part of your child’s Pre-K experience. These assessments are conducted by the school or Head Start and involve all children enrolled in these programs, i.e.,the Preschool Behavior Checklist, Hernandez Preschool Checklist, Preschool First, and Texas Primary Reading Inventory. We will also obtain information regarding your child’s height and weight. (Please see below for confidentiality safeguards.)

**It will take you about 60 minutes to complete the forms**. The forms will be collected at the beginning and ending of the project. You will receive your compensation when your completed forms are turned in to researchers.

**Schools will benefit from your being in the study.** Schools will learn how to help parents be involved in their child’s school experience.

**We do not anticipate any increased risks associated with participating in this study.** You may tell us at any time if you decide to drop out of the study. You can refuse to answer any questions. There will be no problems with the school or Head Start if you decide to drop out of the study. There will be no problems with Texas State University if you decide to drop out of the study. (Please see below for confidentiality safeguards.) Please call Dr. Jon Lasser, Internal Review Board Chairperson, or Ms. Becky Northcutt, Administrator of the Office of Sponsored Projects, if you have questions or concerns. Their phone numbers are 512-245-3413 and 512 245-2102, respectively.

**Confidentiality and Privacy Protections:**

Both you and your child will be given a number and ONLY that number will be listed on the forms. We will not use your name or your child’s name on any forms. All forms will be kept in a locked file cabinet in the Family and Consumer Sciences Building for 10 years. The forms will be shredded after 10 years. Only the researchers will know what name goes with what number. The consent form you sign will be kept in a separate, locked file cabinet. No information that could identify you or your child will be provided to Hernandez School or Head Start. No information that will make it possible to identify you or your child will be published. The researchers will notify you of new information that may affect your decision to remain in the study. A summary of study findings will be provided to you at your request.

**Contacts and Questions:**

If you have any question about the study please feel free to ask. If you have questions or wish to drop out please call the researchers conducting the study. Their names, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses are at the top of the form.

**You will be given a copy of this information to keep for your records.**

**Statement of Consent:**

I have read the above information. I understand the above information. I consent, and give my child consent to participate in the study.

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Child’s name: ­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of person obtaining consent

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Signature of investigator