**Consent Form for Hays County Geography/Social Studies Educators**

This is a project for GEO7430 (Field Methods) at Texas State University-San Marcos. This class is taught by Dr. Richard Earl. You may contact him at (512)-245-3204, orre02@txstate.edu.

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It has been discussed among leaders in the field of geographic education that geography course offerings at universities do not match the needs of future K-12 geography/social studies educators. In particular, the multitude of introductory courses ostensibly channels students into one area of geography when a more versatile approach would seem to be what is needed.

The goals of this project include: (1) exploring the level of disconnect (if any) between K-12 geographic education and college geographic education (2) Determine how much of past research is utilized in the classroom and (3) strengthen the partnership between Texas State University-San Marcos and Hays County educators.

You have been chosen to participate because you, as a teacher, are either a geography educator or social studies educator at a school in Hays County. You may choose not to participate. This participation will consist of one voluntary, anonymous short survey (10 questions or less). This is a confidential assessment which will not involve your name. Confidentiality will be maintained at all times, and a separate withdrawal form will be attached if you decide to withdraw later.

This project has virtually no risks to educators. If the material is later published, anonymity will still be maintained, and provisions will be made if you wish to withdraw your comments at that point.

A summary of the findings will be provided to you upon completion of the study if you desire. Pertinent questions about the research and research participants' rights should be directed to Dr. Earl and to the Office of Research Compliance Administrator, Ms. Becky Northcut (BNorthcut@txstate.edu) at Texas State University.

I have read the above document and consent to become a participant in the program by completing the grant surveys and grant assessments.

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Sincerely,

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