



# Future of Agriculture Curriculum for Teaching Sustainability

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Dear Mr. Kohn,

I consent to agriscience teachers in my school participating in the study: *Future of Agriculture Curriculum for Teaching Sustainability Project*. I understand that teachers who participate will be using curriculum materials designed to teach specific aspects of sustainability--topics that are included in the teachers' regular agriscience curricula. The data collected in this study will allow researchers an opportunity to explore the effectiveness of curriculum materials and how students understand sustainability topics. The teachers will be using assessments developed to accompany the materials, including pre- and post-tests and embedded assessment activities. In addition, the teachers' classroom instruction may be videotaped and audio recorded. The researchers' may conduct audio or video-recorded interviews with teachers and may conduct audio or video-recorded interviews with students whose parents' have given their signed consent. Some of students' writing samples (e.g. journals and class assignments) may be photocopied for the study.

I also understand that every effort will be made to protect the identity of teachers, students, and the school involved in the study. The data collected from this study will remain confidential and the privacy of participating individuals will be protected, for example, by keeping the data in a secure location only accessible by researchers and Institutional Review Board members and using pseudonyms or ID numbers and disguising personal identifiers in written reports and presentations.

I understand that if I have concerns or questions about this study, such as scientific issues, how to do any part of it, or to report an injury (i.e. physical, psychological, social, financial, or otherwise), I can contact Craig Kohn, 620 Farm Lane, Rm 313, East Lansing, MI 48824, kohncrai@msu.edu, or the project's principal investigator: Dr. Charles W. (Andy) Anderson, 319A Erickson Hall, Michigan State University, East Lansing MI 48824, (517) 432-4648, [andya@msu.edu](mailto:andya@msu.edu).

Sincerely,

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Name of administrator

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