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Dear Ms. Lani,

We greatly appreciate your school district's involvement in the University of Pittsburgh Social Mixing Research Project. This is an important project that can help us better understand individual social contacts and mixing patterns in school-aged children.

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Sincerely,

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