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Dear Crooms Academy Parent:

Your child is being asked to participate in a research study. The research project is funded by the National Science Foundation and is entitled *The IT College and CAREERS Readiness Project*. The purpose of the research project is to explore student experiences in their high school and examine how student participation in Information Technology (IT) high school academies prepare students to be college and career ready.

Your child will be asked to participate in one or more of the following activities: complete a high school engagement survey, take part in an individual interview, and/or join in a focus group interview. Your child's participation in this study is voluntary and he or she may choose to withdraw from the study at any time. As a token of my appreciation, your child will receive a \$25 Amazon gift card for his or her participation, time, and insights.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Principal Investigator of the research project at ecfletcher@usf.edu or call at 813-974-0029. Thank you for this opportunity!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Edward C. Fletcher Jr." in a cursive script.

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