**Silverado Middle School**

**1133 Coombsville Road**

**Napa, CA 94558**

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

My name is Genevieve Di Giulio. I am your child’s 8th grade language arts teacher at Silverado Middle School. As part of ongoing studies at Touro’s Graduate School of Education, your student is being invited to participate in a research study which has as its main purpose the investigation into student engagement with an addition of technology (specifically blogs online). In addition, part of the investigation will be to address student interest in completing and submitting responses online as opposed to completing work via the traditional paper format.

Students will be asked to fill out an anonymous Google Survey.  You have access to the survey at my website: [smsrosales@weebly.com](http://mail.nvusd.k12.ca.us/owa/redir.aspx?C=26a0e96c719b40a8a5edcd784077c547&URL=mailto%3asmsrosales%40weebly.com) under the tab, “Units” then fourth period.  It is the “blog question” where the survey is attached.  It consists of nine multiple choice questions and one fill-in.  The investigation will take place over a one month period. There is no risk for any participants of the study. Students will **not** be identified by name in any document. The information obtained from this study will be kept confidential and will only be reported in statistical analyses with no specific connections made to individuals. At no point will the student’s identity by revealed.

Students whose parents have not given permission will participate in the same classroom activities. The decision whether or not to participate will not interfere with your course grade, or current or future relationships with your teacher. I imagine this will take no longer than twenty minutes of class time.

If you have any questions about the study please contact either myself at Silverado Middle School at [gdigiulio@nvusd.k12.ca.us](http://mail.nvusd.k12.ca.us/owa/redir.aspx?C=26a0e96c719b40a8a5edcd784077c547&URL=mailto%3agdigiulio%40nvusd.k12.ca.us)  or Dr. Pamela Redmond at the Touro Graduate School of Education (707)-638-5452 or [Pamela.redmond@tu.edu](http://mail.nvusd.k12.ca.us/owa/redir.aspx?C=26a0e96c719b40a8a5edcd784077c547&URL=mailto%3aPamela.redmond%40tu.edu).

Thank you,

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**I            AGREE                    DO NOT AGREE                    (circle one) to participate in this research study**

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Signature of Student    Date

I have read this form and agree to have my child take part in the research.

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Parent/Guardian Signature   Date