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Dear Young Mensa Parent or Caregiver,

I am writing to ask your help in participating in a research study I'm conducting on personality and overexcitabilities among elementary gifted learners. I'm a professor from the School of Education at Johns Hopkins University. (You can view my credentials at: <https://education.jhu.edu/directory/keri-guilbault-edd/>). You have been asked to participate in this study because you are a parent/caregiver of a gifted child between the ages of four and eight (grades PreK-2). Your participation is confidential and voluntary, and you are free to answer any questions you'd like, to withdraw your consent and/or to discontinue participation at any time without penalty.

What is the Purpose of this Study?

The general purpose of the study is to examine parent/caregiver perspectives and observations of personality characteristics in young, gifted learners. We would like to learn more about the social and emotional development of young, gifted learners and parents' observations of their child's characteristics to aid in the revision of an overexcitabilities questionnaire that can be used in schools.

What Will I Be Asked to Do?

If you volunteer to participate in this study, you will be asked to complete a brief electronic questionnaire that should take approximately 5-10 minutes to complete. You will be asked at the end of the questionnaire to provide your contact information only if you are interested in participating in a semi-structured interview using Zoom. Up to five participants who provide contact information will be randomly selected to receive a \$10 Amazon.com gift card. It is estimated that there will be at least 20 participants selected for an interview, which will take place between January and April 2024.

What If I Volunteer to be Interviewed?

Approximately 20 volunteers will be selected for a semi-structured interview using Zoom. With your consent, I will ask you to provide about 30-60 minutes of your free time for an audiotaped, virtual interview using Zoom. The interview will consist of open-ended questions about your views and observations of your child's personality traits and overexcitabilities, as well as parenting challenges and joys. Interview participants may also be asked to complete a second questionnaire on personality characteristics that should take approximately 5-15 minutes to complete.

The interview will be scheduled at a time that is most convenient for you. If you are available, I may also get in touch with you to cover any follow-up questions, although you are free to decline at any stage of the research. Other than potential discomfort in answering these questions, risks will be minimal, given these interviews are strictly voluntary and confidential and interview

questions are open-ended. You will be given a \$25 Amazon gift card as a token of appreciation for your participation in the interview and completion of the two surveys.

What If I Still Have Questions About This Study? If you have any questions or concerns about the research before you decide to participate, please feel free to contact me at kguilba1@jhu.edu.

If you are interested in participating in this study, please click on the link or scan the QR code below. A consent form can be downloaded from the survey. You may start, stop, and return to continue the survey at any time.

https://jhuedu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_78UI3dkLNbvtL0y

or <https://tinyurl.com/4ph6vk6w>



Thank you for your participation in this important study.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Keri M. Guilbault".

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