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### **CHILD ASSENT FORM (Phase III): GRADES 3 to 5**

This form tells you more about the project so that you can decide if you want to be part of it. Your parent/caregiver has told us that you can be part of this project, but it is up to you if you want to be in it.

This research is being done by people at the University of Nebraska—Lincoln (UNL); UNL is giving money to make Peaceful Means.

#### **What do I do in this project?**

We are asking you to be part of a project. The project has a few parts.

1. You will be asked to take a 30-minute survey on a computer at school two times. The survey will ask you about your thoughts and feelings.
2. Second, you will be asked to take classes with other kids at school that will teach you how to stay safe from abuse. You will learn skills and get information on who to go to if you need help. Be sure to follow directions when you practice the skills!
3. Third, you will be asked to take a short (5 minute) survey after each class, to help us improve the classes.

Some kids will take the classes in-between the two times that they take the survey. Other kids will take the classes after they take the survey twice. So, everyone will get to take the classes, only at different times. To be fair to everyone, we will use a computer program, kind of like flipping a coin, to decide when kids at each school will take the classes.

#### **What will you do with the information I tell you?**

Your answers on the survey are private. But, if you tell us that (1) a child is being hurt or abused, (2) that you plan to hurt yourself or someone else, and/or (3) someone else, like an elder, is being hurt or abused, we will have to share this information with someone to make sure that you and other people are safe.

As a group, we will have an agreement to honor one another by keeping what is said in the classes private. But we cannot promise that other people in the group will not share what you and other people say.

### **How might I feel being in this project?**

Sometimes kids like taking surveys. Other kids say they feel sad when taking surveys. Remember, you do not have to answer questions you do not want to answer. You can talk to an adult you trust or one of us at Peaceful Means if you are worried about yourself or another kid.

Kids also tell us they like being in classes like this because it helps them to learn about things that help them feel strong and safe. You may or may not feel this way after taking the class.

### **Do I have to be in this project?**

No, you do not have to be in this project. If you say you do not want to do this project, you will not be in trouble. The school will give you another activity to do. You can start being in this project and stop being in the project at any time. You can also decide not to answer questions that you do not want to answer.

### **What will I get from being in this project?**

You will have the chance to win some gift cards if you do this project. There are not a lot of gift cards so the chances of you winning one is pretty small, like 6%. All kids will get things like a pencil and a sticker. Remember that you get \$20 cash just for returning the parent/caregiver permission slip regardless of if you participate or not.

### **Do you want to be in this project? (circle one)**

**YES    NO**

**Please write your name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Best Way to Get Touch with You if you Win the Gift Card:**

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*If you want a copy of this form, let one of the Peaceful Means staff know. Wopila!*