



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Office of the Under Secretary for
Oceans and Atmosphere
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Dear Parent/Guardian:

This school year, your child will participate in Chesapeake Bay watershed learning activities. Parts of the curriculum, such as watershed field trips, will be funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). We have selected your child’s class to be included in a formal, research evaluation to see how much the students learn, how engaged they are in their learning, and whether they are more likely to act to protect the Bay/watershed in the future.

We would like to have your permission to include your child in this study. He or she will complete a written questionnaire (less than 30 minutes to complete) before and after the Chesapeake Bay watershed unit. Your child’s participation in this program is voluntary, and there will be no penalty for nonparticipation or withdrawal from the study. However, the information your child will provide is extremely valuable and will contribute to improving educational opportunities offered by your child’s school.

Your child’s survey responses will be completely anonymous and will not affect your child’s grade in any way.

We hope that you will allow your child to participate in this important evaluation. If you would like additional information about the evaluation, please contact Anita Kraemer at 410-280-1405 or eeEval@verizon.net. Thank you!

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Please sign the form below and have your child return it to his or her teacher. Thank you.

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Student’s Name: _____ Parent’s Name: _____

School Name: _____ Teacher Name: _____

My child **MAY / MAY NOT (Please circle one)** participate in the NOAA Chesapeake Bay education program evaluation conducted by eeEvaluations , the University of Michigan, and Virginia Tech.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

