Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s),

Philips Color Kinetics (PCK) has developed an innovation for use with students who are visually impaired, called the "LightAide." The LightAide is an educational and diagnostic tool designed to assist children that are visually impaired to learn to “track left to right” and interact and engage with their environment in different ways. TERC, Inc. is working with Philips to conduct Beta testing of the LightAide in classrooms and at home, to find out about the usability and potential effectiveness of the device and associated materials. TERC is a non-profit science and math education and research company located in Cambridge, MA.

Your child’s teacher or therapist has agreed to participate in testing the device and materials. We hope that you will give permission for your child to participate as well.

To help us understand the effectiveness of the LightAide and learn more about how to improve it, we request your permission to:
- observe your child using the LightAide.
- ask your child’s teacher/therapist to complete an online survey following use
- collect your child’s feedback/reactions to using the LightAide – i.e. likes, dislikes, etc., if possible
- take photos of your child using the LightAide.
- take video of your child using the LightAide

We will not use your child’s name in anything we do.

You and/or your child may change your mind about participating at any time. Your decision will not change your child’s grade/services.

Parents and guardians may ask the teacher or therapist to see the LightAide and support materials. If you have any questions, please contact me. If you would like to talk about this with someone outside the project, call Elisabeth Sylvan of TERC’s Institutional Review Board for Human Participants in Research at 617-873-9600.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Judy Vesel, Principal Investigator
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PARENT CONSENT

Please check the appropriate box(es) and sign below

☐ YES, I give permission.
My child may be observed using the LightAide (by a researcher and/or his or her teacher/therapist). My child can provide feedback/reactions to using it.

☐ NO, I do not give permission. I do not want my child to participate in testing the LightAide.

☐ YES, I give permission for my child to be photographed and videotaped using the LightAide. I understand that TERC researchers may show the photos and videos to other researchers and educators, as well as use them in presentations and promotional materials.

☐ I give permission for my child to be photographed using the LightAide. However, I prefer that my child not be videotaped.

☐ NO, I do not give permission for my child to be photographed or videotaped using the LightAide.

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Parent/Guardian Name (please print)

__________________________ Date ______________________
Parent/Guardian Signature

Questions about this study may be addressed to the researcher, Tara Robillard, at tara_robillard@terc.edu.