ASSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH

Developing a Framework to Evaluate Educational Technologies for Effectiveness and Fit in Developing-world Learning Environments

1. My name is [identify yourself to the child by name].

2. We are asking you to take part in a research study because we are trying to learn more about a tool we are developing to help teachers and school administrators understand which technologies are best for use in your classroom.

3. If you agree to be in this study you will be asked to answer a few questions about either in written form or through an interview with a researcher about how you use a particular educational technology to learn in the classroom.

4. We are not interested in collecting any personal information about you. We are only interested in how you use a particular educational technology in the classroom to help you learn.

5. Being part of this study will introduce you to a new and interesting educational technology and you’ll experience what it is like to be part of research study to help schools choose effective technologies for their classrooms.

6. Please talk this over with your parents before you decide whether or not to participate. We will also ask your parents to give their permission for you to take part in this study. But even if your parents say “yes” you can still decide not to do this.

7. If you don’t want to be in this study, you don’t have to participate. Remember, being in this study is up to you and no one will be upset if you don’t want to participate or even if you change your mind later and want to stop.

8. You can ask any questions that you have about the study now. If you have a question later that you didn’t think of now, you can call me [insert your telephone number] or ask me next time. You can also call the Chairman of the Committee on the Use of Humans as Experimental Subjects at M.I.T. at 1-617-253 6787 if you feel you have been treated unfairly.

9. Signing your name at the bottom means that you agree to be in this study. You and your parents will be given a copy of this form after you have signed it.

________________________________________  __________________
Name of Subject                              Date