



To: Jeannine Durkin, Superintendent of Schools

From: Marianne Busteded, Head of School *MB*

Roxane Howe, Department Chair *RH*

Date: May 28, 2019

Re: Approval for Research Study

This memo is in support of the request by Culinary Teacher Susan Brassard to do a research project at Lowell High School. The topic of the research project is Redesigning Home Economics Curriculum for the 21st Century Learner and this is being done through Fitchburg State University. The study will occur in the 2019-2020 school year and involves surveying 400 students in grades 10 and 12 during the advisory period. The survey is completely voluntary and anonymous. The responses from the questionnaires will be used to determine what skills are lacking in the current curriculum in regards to meeting the needs of students in the areas of home economics. This study is valuable and will help inform and improve curriculum decisions moving forward.