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Dear Dr. Susan Craig & Kimberlee Nelson

This correspondence is to inform you that your submitted protocol for the use of human subjects in the research proposal *"he Impact of Blending Digital Citizenship Lessons with Positive Behavior Interventions and Support in Elementary Students' Online Learning"* (IRB Application # **E-1221**) has been determined to be **EXEMPT** after review by the Touro University-California Institutional Review Board (IRB) which operates under the rules and regulations set forth by the Federal Office for Protection from Research Risks (OPRR) and the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). (TUC IRB FWA00009823: expiration 07/21/2020; IRB00004515; IORG0003813: expiration 02/28/2022)

This decision was based on criteria provided by the Office of Human Research Protection (OHRP) under Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) Title 45 Part 46. Although your study is classified as educational research, the study design does involve "intervention or interaction with individuals", however, it falls in the category of exempt via "**§46.101 (b)(1) Research conducted in established or commonly accepted educational settings, involving normal educational practices, such as (i) research on regular and special education instructional strategies, or (ii) research on the effectiveness of or the comparison among instructional techniques, curricular or classroom management methods"**

The following comments were made by the reviewers. Please ensure your student researcher complies with these recommendations or requested corrections.

Please note the following:

1. Approval expires twelve (12) months from the date above. At that time, if you are still collecting data from human subjects, you must file a Renewal Application.
2. Any modifications to the research protocol or changes in instrumentation (e.g., changes in subject sample, wording of items, consent procedures, tasks required of subjects) must be proposed in a Modified Application, which must be approved prior to implementation of any changes.
3. Any adverse reactions or complications on the part of Human Subject must be reported (in writing) to the IRBPHS within ten (10) working days to the IRB committee.
4. If there is a change in the study protocol or objective of the project which alters this status, you must inform the TU-CA COE IRB immediately for reevaluation.

Sincerely,

Louise Santiago, Ph.D.

Chair, TUC Institutional Review Board (IRB) COE Sub-Committee