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Our preschool staff appreciates the opportunity to participate in this valuable study with NIEER.

We anticipate the study providing early childhood educators with a deeper and expanded understanding of indicators and best practices for effective, high-quality programs. The research and analysis of stress levels in students and teachers is interesting and holds the possibility for future findings that may provide a new lens for quality learning environments.

As partners in this research, the preschool team has been provided an opportunity to share our practices and reflections with the NIEER team. As we anticipate the research findings, we reflect on our experience as participants. We have learned that opening our doors to researchers allowed for classroom assessments that seemed more authentic in many instances simply due to the randomness of the assessor and assessment.

