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Mr./Ms./Dr. _____
c/o SCHOOL NAME
ADDRESS
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

Dear Mr./Ms./Dr. _____:

You have been chosen to participate in an important research study by the Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory, operating REL-Northwest under contract with the U.S. Department of Education. Every two years REL-Northwest conducts a survey of teachers, principals and district superintendents in Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington. The survey will help researchers and state and federal policymakers identify and prioritize the research projects that will have the greatest benefit to schools in your state.

A few days from now you will receive a survey in the mail that will take between 15 and 20 minutes to complete. We are asking you to participate in this survey either by completing the paper survey and returning it in the pre-paid envelope provided or by completing it online. The website and log-in information will be included with the survey information. Responses to this data collection will be used only for statistical purposes. The reports prepared for this study will summarize findings across the sample and will not associate responses with a specific district or individual. We will not provide information that identifies you or your district to anyone outside the study team, except as required by law.

Since we are not able to survey every educator, your response is critical to our understanding of the information that will be most helpful to educators in your state. Thank you in advance for your assistance. Your participation will help educators throughout the Northwest.

Sincerely,

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