Appendix A.2

CONTROL TEACHER SURVEY (2007-08)

NATIONAL EVALUATION OF READING COMPREHENSION PROGRAMS U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

ATTACH LABEL HERE Teacher ID Teacher Name School ID School Name

IF ABOVE INFORMATION IS INCORRECT,
PLEASE MAKE CORRECTIONS DIRECTLY ON LABEL.

This survey is part of the Evaluation of Reading Comprehension Programs, a national evaluation being conducted for the U.S. Department of Education. The questions ask about the professional culture at your school, your reflections, and your background. All information you provide will be kept confidential. While you are not required to respond, your cooperation is needed to make the results of this survey comprehensive and accurate. Thank you.

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SECTION I. PROFESSIONAL CULTURE

This section asks about the professional culture within your school.¹

1-4. These items are intentionally skipped.

5. Conversations About Teaching

During the past school year, how often have you had conversations with colleagues about...

IN EACH ROW, CHECK <u>ONE</u> BOX ONLY	LESS THAN ONCE A MONTH	2 OR 3 TIMES A MONTH	ONCE OR TWICE A WEEK	DAILY
a. The goals of this school?	1	2	3	4
b. Development of new curriculum?	1	2	3	4
c. Managing classroom behavior?	1	2	3	4
d. What helps students learn best?	1	2	3	4

6. My Grade Level

How much do you disagree or agree with each of the following?

a. Teachers in this grade level trust each other 1 2 3 4 5 b. It's OK in this grade level to discuss feelings, worries, and frustrations with other teachers 1 2 3 4 4 5 c. Teachers respect other teachers who take the lead in grade level improvement efforts	IN	EACH ROW, CHECK <u>ONE</u> BOX ONLY	STRONGLY DISAGREE		EE	Agree	STRONGLY AGREE
worries, and frustrations with other teachers	a.	Teachers in this grade level trust each other	1	2		3	4
lead in grade level improvement efforts	b.		1	2		3	4
Colleagues who are expert at their craft	C.		1	2		3	4
e. To what extent do you feel respected by other teachers in this grade level?	d.		1	2		3	4
teachers in this grade level?			_	A LITTI	LE	Some	_
f. How many teachers in this grade level really care	e.		1	2		3	4
			None	-			
	f.		0	1	2	3	4

Questions 5 through 10 in this section are from The Consortium on Chicago School Research. (1999). "Improving Chicago's Schools: The Teachers' Turn, 1999; Elementary School Teacher Survey, 1999." Chicago, IL. Available at www.consortium-chicago.org.

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7. Access to New Ideas

How often have you...

IN	EACH ROW, CHECK <u>ONE</u> BOX ONLY	Never	ONCE	TWICE	3 TO 4 TIMES	5 TO 9 TIMES	10 OR MORE TIMES
a.	Taken courses at a college or university relative to improving your school?	0	1	2	3	4	5
b.	Participated in a network with other teachers outside your school?	0	1	2	3	4	5
C.	Discussed curriculum and instruction matters with an outside professional group or organization?	0	1	2	3	4	5
d.	Attended professional development activities organized by your school (include meetings that focus on improving your teaching)?	o 🗌	1	2	3	4	5
e.	Attended workshops or courses sponsored by your school district (exclude required inservices)?	0	1	2	3	4	5
f.	Attended professional development activities sponsored by the teachers' union?	o 🗌	1	2	3	4	5

8. MY EXPERIENCE OF CHANGE

How much do you disagree or agree with the following?

IN EACH ROW, CHECK <u>ONE</u> BOX ONLY	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE
Most changes introduced at this school involve only a few teachers; rarely does the whole faculty become involved	1	2	3	4
b. We receive adequate professional development support for the changes we introduce at our school	1	2	3	4
c. Most changes introduced at this school gain little support among teachers	1	2	3	4

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9. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

How much do you disagree or agree with the following?

	verall, my professional development experiences er the past school year	STRONGLY			STRONGLY
In	I EACH ROW, CHECK <u>ONE</u> BOX ONLY	DISAGREE	DISAGREE	AGREE	AGREE
a.	have included opportunities to work productively with teachers from other schools	1 🔲	2	3	4
b.	have included enough time to think carefully about, to try, and to evaluate new ideas	1	2	3	4
C.	have deepened my understanding of subject matter	1	2	3	4
d.	have helped me understand my students better	1 🗌	2	3	4
е.	have been sustained and coherently focused, rather than being short term and unrelated	1	2	3	4
f.	have included opportunities to work productively with colleagues in my school	1	2	3	4
g.	have led me to make changes in my teaching	1 🗌	2	3	4
h.	have been closely connected to my school's improvement plan	1	2	3	4
C	HECK <u>ONE</u> BOX ONLY	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE
i.	Most of what I learn in professional development addresses the needs of the students in my classroom	1	2	3	4

Appendix A.2 (continued)

10. LEADERSHIP AND SUPPORT

How much do you disagree or agree with the following?

IN	EACH ROW, CHECK <u>ONE</u> BOX ONLY	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE
a.	The principal at this school is strongly committed to shared decision-making	1	2	3	4
b.	The principal at this school works to create a sense of community in the school	1	2	3	4
C.	The principal at this school promotes parent and community involvement in the school	1	2	3	4
d.	The principal at this school supports and encourages teachers to take risks	1	2	3	4
e.	The principal at this school is willing to make changes	1	2	3	4
f.	Most changes introduced at this school receive strong support from the principal	1	2	3	4
g.	The principal at this school encourages teachers to try new methods of instruction	1 🔲	2	3	4

11. THOUGHTS ABOUT TEACHING READING²

How much do you agree or disagree with the following?

I N	EACH ROW, CHECK <u>ONE</u> BOX ONLY	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE
a.	I feel I need to make changes in the methods I use to teach children to read and spell	1	2	3	4
b.	I get help from staff members to understand some children's difficulties learning to read	1	2	3	4
c.	I have benefited from opportunities to learn more about methods for teaching reading	1	2	3	4
d.	The children in my class are making satisfactory progress in learning to read	1	2	3	4
e.	I do not have sufficient materials to teach reading effectively	1 🔲	2	3	4
f.	I do not understand why some children learn to read easily while other children struggle to learn basic reading skills	1	2	3	4
g.	The literacy coach supports my efforts to teach reading effectively IF A LITERACY COACH IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR 5TH-GRADE STUDENTS, PLEASE SKIP THIS QUESTION AND CHECK THIS BOX	1	2	3	4
h.	I have a good understanding of how children acquire language and literacy skills	1	2	3	4
i.	I wish I had more opportunities to discuss how to teach reading with other teachers	1	2	3	4
j.	I feel I am good at teaching reading and writing	1 📗	2	3	4
k.	The principal of my school supports my efforts to teach reading effectively	1	2	3	4
I.	I would like to learn methods to help children develop their oral language	1	2	3	4
m.	I look for opportunities to learn effective methods to teach reading and writing	1	2	3	4
n.	I could do a better job teaching reading if I had more assistance from aides or volunteers in my class	1	2	3	4
0.	I know how to assess the progress of my students in reading	1	2	3	4
p.	The parents of children in my class support my efforts to teach their children to read	1	2	3	4
q.	The school day is organized to maximize instructional time	1	2	3	4

 $^{^2}$ Items on this page were borrowed from Joanne Carlisle's "Teacher's QUEST: Self-Administered Questionnaire" (Regents of the University of Michigan: Ann Arbor, MI, 2003), with minor modifications.

SECTION II. TEACHER REFLECTIONS

This section asks for your reflections.3

12. TEACHER REFLECTIONS

<i>I</i> N	EACH ROW, CHECK <u>ONE</u> BOX ONLY	Nothing	Very Little	Some	QUITE A BIT	A GREAT DEAL
a.	How much can you do to control disruptive behavior in the classroom?.	1	2	3	4	5
b.	How much can you do to motivate students who show low interest in school work?	1	2	3	4	5
C.	How much can you do to get students to believe they can do well in school work?	1	2	3	4	5
d.	How much can you do to help your students value learning?	1	2	3	4	5
e.	How much can you do to get children to follow classroom rules?	1	2	3	4	5
f.	How much can you do to calm a student who is disruptive or noisy?	1	2	3	4	5
g.	How much can you use a variety of assessment strategies?	1	2	3	4	5
h.	How much can you assist families in helping their children do well in school?	1 🗌	2	3	4	5
	EASE NOTICE DIFFERENT RESPONSE OICES FOR THE ITEMS BELOW.	NOT AT ALL	SMALL EXTENT	MODERATE EXTENT	QUITE A BIT	A GREAT EXTENT
i.	To what extent can you craft good questions for your students?	1	2	3	4	5
j.	To what extent can you provide an alternative explanation or example when students are confused?	1	2	3	4	5
	EASE NOTICE DIFFERENT RESPONSE OICES FOR THE ITEMS BELOW.	NOT AT ALL	SLIGHTLY	MODERATELY	QUITE WELL	EXTREMELY WELL
k.	How well can you establish a classroom management system with each group of students?	1	2	3	4	5
l. 	How well can you implement alternative strategies in your classroom?	1 🗌	2	3	4	5

 $^{^3}$ Items on this page were borrowed with permission from W.K. Hoy and A.E. Woolfolk's "Teachers' Sense of Efficacy Scale" (Elementary School Journal, 93, 355-372), with minor modifications.

SECTION III. BACKGROUND

This section asks about your background.

13. How many years have you taught, either full-time or part-time, at the elementary or secondary level (not counting the current school year)? Include years teaching in both public and private schools. Do not include time spent as a student teacher. .\$\$\$\$.\$\$\$. Total years teaching 14. How many years have you been teaching in THIS school (not counting the current school year)? If you have had a break in service of one year or more, please report the year that you returned to this school. Do not include time spent as a student teacher. Include years spent teaching both full- and part-time at this school. .\$\$\$.\$\$\$. Total years teaching at this school 15. What grade levels have you taught? CHECK ALL THAT APPLY 1 1st grade 6 6th grade 11 11th grade 2nd grade 7th grade 12th grade 3 3rd grade 8 8th grade Ungraded 4 4th grade 9 9th grade 14 Kindergarten 5 5th grade 10 10th grade 15 | Prekindergarten 16. Column A: For each degree below, please check YES or No to indicate if you hold that degree. Columns B and C: For those degrees you hold, please specify your major field of study and the year you received the degree. A. DEGREE IN EACH ROW, CHECK ONE BOX IN COLUMN A. HELD C. YEAR IF YOU ANSWER YES IN COLUMN A, COMPLETE COLUMNS B AND C FOR THAT ROW.. B. Major RECEIVED YES No a. Associate's degree..... .\$\$.\$\$.\$\$.\$\$. b. Bachelor's degree\$\$.\$\$.\$\$.\$\$. c. Master's degree\$\$.\$\$.\$\$.\$\$. d. Educational specialist or professional diploma (at least one year beyond a master's degree)\$\$.\$\$.\$\$.\$\$. e. Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies... .\$\$.\$\$.\$\$.\$\$.

f. Doctorate (Ph.D., Ed.D.).....

g. Professional (M.D., D.D.S., J.D., L.L.B)

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17.	7. Which of the following describes the teaching certificate you currently hold in this state? CHECK <u>ONE</u> ONLY							
	1	Regular or standard state certificate or	advanced p	orofession	al certifica	ate		
	2 Probationary certificate (the initial certificate issued after satisfying all requirements except t completion of a probationary period)						cept the	
	3	Provisional or other type given to perso certification program"	ns who are	still partion	cipating in	an "alte	rnative	
	Temporary certificate (requires some additional college coursework and/or student teaching before regular certification can be obtained)							
	5 Emergency certificate or waiver (issued to teachers who do not have regular certification who need to complete a regular certification program in order to continue teaching)							
	 18. In what content area does the teaching certificate marked above allow you to teach in this state (e.g., elementary general, secondary general, special ed., a specific subject matter)?							
	<u>Column B:</u> If you mark "yes" in Column A, please indicate in Column B how many hours you spent on the activities. Include courses you have taken for recertification or advanced certification, workshops sponsored by your district, conferences, or other training that is relevant to your teaching.							
		ACH ROW, CHECK ONE BOX IN COLUMN A. DU ANSWER YES, CHECK ONE BOX IN	A. PARTIC	IPATED?	B. I	Number	OF HOUF	RS
		UMN B.	YES	No	8 OR FEWER	9-16	17-32	33 or More
	a. I	Reading instruction	1	o 🗌	1	2	3	4
	b. \$	Science instruction	1	0	1	2	3	4
	c. \$	Social studies instruction	1	0	1	2	3	4

20.	Are you male or female?			
	1 ☐ Male			
	2 Female			
21.	Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin?	•		
	ı∐Yes			
	o			
22.	How do you describe yourself? (PLEAS	SE SELECT ONE OR MORE)		
	1 American Indian or Alaska Native			
	2 Asian			
	3 ☐ Black or African American			
	4 ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Isla	lander		
	5 White			
23.	What is your year of birth?			
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