

Dear Colleague:

On behalf of the U.S. Department of Education, I am writing to inform you that you have been selected to participate in a Client Survey for the Equity Assistance Centers (EAC) Program. The Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE) has commissioned the Federal Research Division of the Library of Congress to conduct the survey for summer 2008 through school year 2008-2009 in order to report to Congress on the activities of the Equity Assistance Centers. Your response is essential to help assess and improve the program.

As you are aware, the EACs are authorized under Title IV of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. They provide training, planning, consultation, and other services, upon request, on issues related to equity in education to ensure that all children, regardless of race, gender, or national origin, have equal access to quality education and the opportunity to develop high academic skills.

Your response is very important to the U.S. Department of Education and to the EACs, and we appreciate the time and effort you are taking to provide it. The survey can be completed in about 7 minutes. All completed surveys will be kept confidential. Survey results will be reported in aggregated form to ensure that no individual respondents can be identified.

Please complete each item and submit your completed form as indicated on the attached survey by April 17. If you have questions or comments about the survey items or data compilation procedures, please call Sandra Meditz of the Library of Congress at (202) 707-2888 or e-mail her at smed@loc.gov.

Thank you very much for your prompt response.

Sincerely,

Jenelle V. Leonard Director School Support and Technology Programs Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

Attachment: Client Survey for Summer 2008 through School Year 2008-2009