DATE

«Teacher_First» «Teacher_Last»
«School_Name»
«School_Address»
«School_City», «School_State» «School_Zip»

Dear Teacher,

As you know, your district is participating in Project RISE and you were identified as a transfer teacher for the program. Mathematica Policy Research (MPR), with our partners The New Teacher Group (TNTP) and Optimal Solutions Group (OSG), is conducting an evaluation of this program for the U.S. Department of Education's Institute of Education Sciences. As part of the study, we are gathering information about your teaching experiences, experiences with mentoring, and teaching plans.

As an eligible teacher, we ask that you complete the Talent Transfer Initiative Teacher Career and Satisfaction Survey. Responses to this data collection will be used for statistical purposes only. 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. Additionally, no one at your school or in your district will see your responses. While your participation in this study is voluntary, it is very important that you complete the questionnaire.

We estimate the questionnaire will take approximately 30 minutes to complete. As a thank you, you will receive a check for \$25 once you have returned the completed questionnaire. **Please use the enclosed envelope to return the survey by DATE.**

If you have any questions, please contact Kristina Rall at 866-608-8290, or by e-mail at krall@mathematica-mpr.com.

Thank you for your help with this important study.

Sincerely,

Nancy Carey, Ph.D. Survey Director

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OMB No.: xxxx-xxxx

Approval Expires: xx/xx/xxxx

TALENT TRANSFER INITIATIVE TEACHER CAREER AND SATISFACTION SURVEY

This questionnaire asks about your educational background and past teaching experience, and your experiences as a teacher who transferred into this school for the 2009-2010 school year.

We want you to know that:

- 1. This survey is voluntary, but your response is critical for producing valid and reliable data. You may skip any questions you do not wish to answer; however, we hope that you answer as many questions as you can. Your answers to questions will not affect your job or any hiring decisions now or in the future and will not be shared with any members of the school administration or anyone else other than the researchers. Participation in the teacher survey will not impose any risks to you as a respondent. If you have any questions about your rights as a research volunteer, you can contact Margo Campbell at Public/Private Ventures IRB, toll free 800-755-4778 x 4446.
- 2. The U.S. Department of Education is committed to protecting the privacy of individuals who participate in surveys. All information you provide will be kept strictly confidential and used for research purposes only. Your answers will be combined with other surveys, and no information identifying individual teachers or their schools will be released.

Thank you very much for your help with this survey.

Please return the completed form to:

Mathematica Policy Research, Inc.

707 Alexander Road Building 3, Suite 304 Princeton, NJ 08540

ATTN:

If you have questions, please contact:

Ms. Kristina Rall

Phone: 866-608-8290 (toll free)

FAX: 202-863-1763

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This survey is authorized by law: (1) Sections 171(b) and 173 of the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002, Pub. L. 107-279 (2002); and (2) Section 9601 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), as amended by the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001 (Pub. L. 107-110).

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SECTION A. TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND JOB SATISFACTION

This section asks about your experiences as a classroom teacher. When responding, please report on your employment in both public and private schools. Do not report on your experiences as a substitute teacher, teacher's aide, paraprofessional, or student teacher.

Note: This version of the survey does not include items A1-A5.

A6. Which of the following types of support did you receive as a newly-hired teacher at this school since the start of this school year? To what extent was the support you received useful?

In Column A: For each type of support listed below, please mark Yes or No to

indicate whether or not you received it.

In Column B: If you mark Yes in Column A, please indicate how useful that type of

support was to you.

In E	EACH ROW, MARK ONE BOX IN COLUMN A.	A. Red supp			Jsefulness support?	of
	YOU ANSWER YES IN COLUMN A, MARK ONE BOX IN LUMN B.	Yes	No	Not Very Useful	Useful	Very Useful
a.	District or school orientation at the beginning of the year	10	о 🛘	1 🛭	2 🛘	з 🛚
b.	Individual (i.e., one-on-one) meeting with the principal	. 1 🛚	о 🛚	ı []	2 []	3 []
C.	Introduction by principal to fellow teaching staff at the school	. 1[]	о 🛚	1 []	2 []	з []
d.	Classroom visits by principal	. 10	o []	1 []	2 []	з 🛚
e.	Informal meetings with, or advice from, fellow teaching staff	. 10	о 🛚	ı []	2 []	3 []
f.	Regular planning time with fellow teachers	. 10	о 🛘	1 []	2 🛘	з 🛚
g.	Regular advice and guidance from an assigned mentor teacher	. 10	o 🛚	1 []	2 []	з 🛚
h.	Assistance from fellow teachers in finding resources and materials	. 1 []	o 🛚	1 []	2 []	з 🛚
i.	PRETEST ONLY: Other support (PLEASE SPECIFY)					
		1 🛘	о 🛮	1 🛘	2 []	3 🛘

A7. Thinking about your transition to the school where you currently teach, to what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

IN EACH ROW, MARK ONE BOX ONLY	Strongly Disagree	Somewha t Disagree	Somewha t Agree	Strongly Agree
a. My orientation to this school was useful	10	2 🛘	з 🛚	4 🛘
b. Other teachers here made me feel welcome	10	2 []	з 🛚	4 🛘
c. I received the social support I needed to integrate into this school	1[]	2 []	з 🛚	4 🛘
d. I received the material support I needed to integrate into this school (e.g., classroom equipment)	1[]	2 []	з 🛚	4 🛚
e. I often felt like an outsider at this school	10	2 🛘	з 🛚	4 🛚

A8. To what extent did you find each of the following a challenge in your transition to the school where you currently teach?

IN E	EACH ROW, MARK ONE BOX ONLY	Not a Challenge	Minor Challenge	Major Challenge
a.	Teaching low-performing students	1.[]	2 🛘	3 []
b.	Student discipline and classroom management	1.[]	2 🛘	з 🛚
c.	Interacting with parents	1.[]	2 🛘	з 🛚
d.	Gaining support from fellow teachers in the school	1.[]	2 🛘	з 🛚
e.	Gaining the support of the principal	1.[]	2 🛘	з 🛚
f.	Other (PLEASE SPECIFY)	1	2 []	з 🛚

A9. Which grade level(s) do you currently teach? MARK ALL THAT APPLY

1 []	1st grade	6 🛮	6th grade	11 []	11th grade
2 🛘	2nd grade	7 🛮	7th grade	12 []	12nd grade
з 🛚	3rd grade	8	8th grade	13 🛚	Ungraded
4 🛚	4th grade	9 🛮	9th grade	14 🛚	Kindergarten
5 🛚	5th grade	10	10th grade	15	Pre-kindergarten

A1	10. Do you currently teach one self-contained class (where you instruct the same group of students most or all of the day in multiple subjects) or do you teach several classes of different students in one or more academic subjects?					
	I teach one self-contained class	1	−>go то	A11		
	I teach several classes of different students	2	−>GO TO	A12		
A1	1. How many students are enrolled in your clas	s?				
	TOTAL STUDENTS					
A1	2. Which subjects do you <u>currently</u> teach? Mark Ye you teach any language arts or mathematics classes or sections that you teach, and the total	sses, _l	please indi	cate the numb	er of	
		Yes	No	Number of classes or sections	Total number of students	
a.	English / Language Arts / Reading	1 🛘	о 🛮	_ _		
b.	Mathematics	1 🛘	о 🛮	_ _		
c.	English as a Second Language (ESL)	1 🛘	о 🛮			
d.	Special instruction for English Language Learners (ELL) or Limited English Proficient (LEP) students	1 []	o 🛮			
e.	Foreign Language	1 🛮	о 🛘			
f.	Social Studies	1 []	о 🛘			
g.	Science	1 []	о 🛘			
h.	Resource Teacher	1 🛘	о 🛮			
h.	Special Education	1 🛚	о 🛘			
i.	Other (PLEASE SPECIFY)	1 🛮	о 🛘			

A13. In general, how much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about your teaching assignment this school year?

IN	EACH ROW, MARK ONE BOX ONLY	Strongly Disagree	Somewha t Disagree	Somewha t Agree	Strongly Agree
a.	I am satisfied with the grade levels I was assigned to teach	1 🛛	2 []	з []	4 🛘
b.	I am satisfied with the subject(s) I was assigned to teach	1	2 🛘	з 🛚	4 🛘
C.	I am satisfied with the way students were assigned to my class, or classes	10	2 🛘	з 🛚	4 🛘

A14.	Are there other teachers at your school who teach the same grade level or
	subjects that you are teaching this school year?

YES1	
NO	—>GO TO A17

A15. Think about the ABILITY LEVELS of the students assigned to your class(es) this year compared to those of students assigned to your colleague(s) teaching the same grade level or subject in your school. Would you say the students in YOUR class(es) are . . .

MARK ONLY ONE
More challenging in ability?
About the same level of ability?2
Less challenging in terms of ability?
Cannot judge. I am unfamiliar with the ability levels of the students in the other class(s)4

A16. Think about the DISCIPLINARY ISSUES of the students assigned to your class(es) this year compared to those of students assigned to your colleague(s) teaching the same grade level or subject in your school. Would you say the students in YOUR class(es) are . . .

A17. Thinking about this school year, how satisfied are you with each of the following aspects of the school?

IN F	EACH ROW, MARK ONE BOX ONLY	Very Dissatisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Very Satisfied
	adership/School Policies	Diodationoa	Diodutionida	Callonida	Ganonou
a.	The principal's leadership and vision	1 []	2 🛘	3 []	4 []
b.	Teacher recognition for positive accomplishments	ı []	2 []	3 []	4 []
C.	Student testing policies		2 🛘	3 []	4 []
d.	Other school policies	ı []	2 []	3 🛘	4 []
Pro	ofessional Environment				
e.	Professional caliber of colleagues	1 []	2 []	3 []	4 []
f.	Salary	1 🛘	2 []	3 []	4 []
g.	Benefits	1 []	2 []	3 []	4 []
h.	Opportunities for professional development	1 []	2 []	3 []	4 🛚
i.	Opportunities to provide input into school policies and practices	1 []	2 []	з 🛚	4 []
j.	Autonomy or control over classroom	1 🛘	2 []	3 []	4 []
k.	Workload	1 🛘	2 []	3 []	4 []
Sc	hool Environment and Facilities				
I.	Teacher support from the administration	1 🛘	2 🛘	3 []	4 🛘
m.	Support from faculty/collaboration with colleagues	1 []	2 []	з []	4 []
n.	Support for teachers working with students with special needs	1 []	2 []	3 []	4 []
0.	Availability of resources and materials/ equipment for your classroom	ı []	2 []	з []	4 []
p.	School facilities such as the building or grounds	1 []	2 []	з 🛚	4 []
q.	Safety in the school building and on school grounds (including parking lot)	1 []	2 []	з 🛚	4 []
r.	Safety in the neighborhood where the school is located	1 []	2 []	3 []	4 []
Yo	ur Students and Their Families				
S.	Student motivation to learn	1 []	2 🛘	3 []	4 🛚
t.	Student discipline and behavior	1 []	2 []	3 []	4 []
u.	Student academic performance	1 []	2 []	3 []	4 []
٧.	Parental involvement in the school	ı []	2 []	3 []	4 []

A18.				vel and/or subject t are teaching this so		(2009-2010)?
	١	/ES			1	
	١	VO			o 🛚	→GO TO SECTION B
A19.	Wł	nat is the main rea	ason	you are teaching a	different	grade or subject?
						MARK ONLY ONE
	I	wanted to teach a	diffe	rent grade level or s	ubject	1 🛘
				rincipal asked me to		
		-	•	available		
	(JIN er (PLEASE SPECIF	-Y)			4 LI
A20.	Wh	nich grade level(s) did	you teach <u>last sch</u>	ool year (2	2008-2009)? MARK ALL THAT APPLY
	1 []	1st grade	6 🛚	6th grade	11 🛮 11th g	rade
	2 []	2nd grade	7 🛚	7th grade	12 12nd (grade
	3 []	3rd grade	8 🛮	8th grade	13 Ungra	ded
	4 []	4th grade	9 🛮	9th grade	14 [] Kinde	rgarten
	5 🛘	5th grade	10 🛚	10th grade	15 Pre-ki	ndergarten
A21.	stu cla	idents most or all isses of different taught one self-co	of t l stud ntain		ubjects) c e academi	1 →GO TO SECTION B

A22. Which subjects did you teach in 2008-2009? MARK ALL THAT APPLY

- English / Language Arts / Reading
- ₂

 Mathematics
- 3 English as a Second Language (ESL)
- Special instruction for English Language Learners (ELL) or Limited English Proficient (LEP) students
- 5 Foreign Language
- 6 Social Studies
- 7 Science
- 8 Resource Teacher
- 9 Special Education
- 10 Other (Please specify)

SECTION B. MENTORING

This section asks about your school's use of staff to provide professional advice and direct assistance to classroom teachers. These staff members are typically referred to as mentors, coaches, or lead teachers.

B1.	Are you assigned to, and currently working with, a person (or p mentor, coach, lead teacher, or other school or district leader professional advice and direct assistance to you in your teach	r, who provides
	YES1	
	NO	
B2.	How many different people provide this kind of professional ad assistance to you in your teaching duties?	vice and direct
	NUMBER OF PEOPLE	
В3.	Now think about the person who provides the most support of the is that person's job title?	this type to you. What
	MARK ONLY	ONE
	School Principal	1 []
	Assistant or Vice-Principal	2 []
	Department Head or Chair	3 []
	Lead Teacher	4 []
	Mentor or Master Teacher	5 []
	Other (PLEASE SPECIFY TITLE)	6 🛘
B4.	On average, how frequently are your regular meetings with that include all scheduled meetings during and outside regular so	
	NUMBER OF TIMES (IF NONE, ENTER 0.) MARK ONLY ONE	
	Per week	1 []
	Per month	2 []
	Per year	3 []
	Other (PLEASE SPECIFY)	4 []
B5.	On average, how long is each of these <u>scheduled</u> meetings with	n that person?
	MINUTES PER MEETING	

B6.	On average, about how frequently do you meet <u>informally</u> with that person (without scheduling in advance)? Please include all unscheduled meetings during and outside regular school hours.
	NUMBER OF TIMES (IF NONE, ENTER 0.) MARK ONLY ONE
	Per week ₁
	Per month 2 []
	Per year3
	Other (PLEASE SPECIFY)
В7.	On average, how long is each of these <u>informal</u> meetings with that person?
	MINUTES PER MEETING
B8.	Are you currently assigned to mentor other teachers at your school?
	Yes
	No□ ¬GO TO B12
В9.	How many teachers are you mentoring on an ongoing basis?
	TEACHERS
B10	o. On average, how much time within your contracted hours do you spend each week engaged in activities related to your position as a mentor? (Please indicate the number of minutes.)
	MINUTES EACH WEEK (IF NONE, ENTER 0.)
B11	On average, how much time OUTSIDE of your contracted hours do you spend each week engaged in activities related to your position as a mentor? (Please indicate the number of minutes.)
	MINUTES EACH WEEK (IF NONE, ENTER 0.)
B12	Approximately how many minutes per week do you spend <u>informally</u> helping other teachers at your school? Please include time spent both during and outside regular school hours whether the time was spent within or outside contracted hours.
	MINUTES EACH WEEK (IF NONE, ENTER 0.)

B13. In which of the following activities are you involved at your school?

IN	EACH ROW, MARK ONE BOX ONLY	Yes	No
a.	Serving as a grade level or subject area chair	10	о 🛮
b.	Serving on a school improvement committee	1 🛘	о 🛮
C.	Working to obtain external funding for my school (i.e., grants or funding from external organizations for projects/supplies/materials)	1	о 🛚
d.	Leading or promoting teacher collaboration	1	о 🛮

SECTION C. TEACHING PLANS

This section asks about your experiences seeking new employment since January, 2008, and your expectations about your employment in the future.

Note: This version of the survey does not include items C1-C3.

C4. Where do you expect to work next school year (2010-2011)?

	MARK ONLY	ONE
	Teaching in the same school in which I am currently teaching $\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \$	->GO TO C6
	Teaching in another school in my current district2	\neg
	Teaching in a different public school district	
	Teaching in a private school or charter school4	> 00 TO 05
	In a non-teaching job5	-> GO TO C5
	Not working outside the home6	
	Other (PLEASE SPECIFY)	
C5.	What is the main reason you expect that you will not be teaching at next year?	this school

C6. How long do you plan to continue working as a classroom teacher?

MARK (ONLY ONE
As long as I am able	1 🛘
Until I am eligible for retirement benefits from this job	2 []
Until I am eligible for retirement from another job	з 🛚
Until I am eligible for Social Security benefits	4 []
Until a specific life event occurs (e.g., parenthood, marriage)	5 []
Until a more desirable opportunity comes along	6 🛘
Definitely plan to leave as soon as I can	7 []
Undecided at this time	8 🛮
Other (PLEASE SPECIFY)	9 🛘

Note: This version of the survey does not include Section D.

SECTION E. COMPENSATION

This section asks for your best estimates of any compensation you received from sources other than your regular teaching position during the 2009-2010 school year.

E1. In addition to your annual base salary from the school district for the 2009-2010 school year, did you receive, or have you been offered, any other compensation? (Include bonuses, compensation for teaching summer school, coaching, etc.)

YES	
NO 0	−>co to F1

E2. Please indicate whether you were offered any of the following types of bonuses or incentives in 2009-2010. If you mark Yes in Column A, please indicate the amount or expected amount of compensation in Column B.

IN EACH ROW, MARK ONE BOX IN COLUMN A. IF YOU MARK YES IN COLUMN A, COMPLETE COLUMN B.		A. Offered?		B. Compensation	
Bonus Type		Yes	No	(Round to nearest \$100)	
a.	Hiring or transfer bonus	10	о 🛚	\$, 0 0	
b.	Retention bonus	. ₁ []	о 🛘	\$, 0 0	
c.	Bonus to teach a particular grade level or subject	1	о 🛘	\$, 0 0	
d.	Individual performance-based bonus	1[]	о 🛘	\$ 0 0	
e.	School-based performance-based bonus	1	о 🛘	\$, 0 0	
Stipends or Additional Pay					
f.	Stipend for performing extra duties, such as mentoring or leading professional development	1[]	o []	\$, 0 0	
g.	Stipend for leading extracurricular activities (including coaching)	1[]	o []	\$, 0 0	
h.	Teaching summer school	1[]	о 🛘	\$ _ , _ 0 0	
i.	Other bonus, incentive or stipend (PLEASE SPECIFY)	1[]	ο□	\$ _ , 0 0	

SECTION F. FAMILY AND HOUSING COMMITMENTS

This section asks you to provide information about family commitments, housing, and your work commute, all of which may be related to your decision to change jobs or schools.

F1.	Do you currently live in the sar	ne school district in whic	h you teach?	
	Yes			
	No0			
F2.	How far do you live from the so 2010?	chool where you taught/to	each in 2008-20	009 and 2009-
	Please indicate the miles and mil	nutes you commute one-wa	ay. Your best es	timate is fine.
If you did not teach during the 2008-2009 school year, check this box and answonly for the 2009-2010 school year. $\ \ \Box$				ox and answer
	School Year	Miles One Way	Minutes One	Way
	a. 2008-2009	MILES	_ MII	NUTES
	b. 2009-2010	MILES	MII	NUTES
F3. What is the primary mode of transportation you use to commute to the school we you (taught/teach) in 2008-2009 and 2009-2010? If you did not teach during the 2008-2009 school year, check this box and answer on the 2009-2010 school year.				
	MARK ONLY ONE FOR EACH YEAR			
			2008-2009	2009-2010
	Usually drive my own car		1 🛘	1 🛘
	Usually take public transport	ation (bus, rail)	2 🛘	2 []
	Usually carpool with others		з 🛚	з 🛚
	Usually walk		4 🛘	4 🛘
	Other (PLEASE SPECIFY)		5 🛚	5 🛚

F4. Do	you currently own your home, rent your ho	me, or have some other arrangement?
		MARK ONLY ONE
	Own home (either paying mortgage or own ou	ıtright)1
	Rent home	2 🛮
	Have some other arrangement	3 []
F5. Are	you:	
		MARK ONLY ONE
	Married or living with a partner	10
	Single (separated, divorced, widowed, or never	er married) 2 🛘
F6. Do	you have any minor children currently living	g with you?
	YES 10	
	NO ₀□ ->GO TO G1	
F7. Are	any of the children currently living with yo	u under the age of 5?
	YES 1	
	NO 0 []	
	ank you for completing this survey, we will s your mailing address and phone number b	
Name:_		
Address	1:	Phone Number:
Address	2:	
Citv:	State:	Zip:

Thank you for taking time to participate in this survey.