## National Study of the Teacher Incentive Fund

Dear Teacher,

The U.S. Department of Education has contracted with SRI International, the Urban Institute, and Berkeley Policy Associates to conduct a five-year study of the Teacher Incentive Fund (TIF), which was designed to provide financial support to local education agencies, nonprofit organizations, or state education agencies to implement innovative performance pay systems for primary and secondary school teachers and principals.

This survey is intended to help us learn about educators' perceptions of, and experiences with, performance pay in general and the Teacher Incentive Fund. You are receiving this survey because your school is participating in one of the programs listed below. However, when completing this survey, if your school is implementing more than one performance pay program, please respond based on your experiences in ALL performance pay programs in which you currently participate.

Alaska	Alaska Teacher and Principal Incentive Project
Arizona	Amphitheater Unified's Project EXCELL!
California	Lynwood Unified's Quest for Success
Colorado	Denver Public School's ProComp
	Eagle County School District's Performance-Based Compensation Program
	Harrison School District's REAL program
	Weld County's Fort Lupton Teacher Incentive Fund
District of Columbia	D.C. Public Schools' TEAM program
Florida	Hillsborough County Public Schools' POWER program
	Miami-Dade County's Project RISE
	Orange County's REAP program
Illinois	Chicago Public Schools' Chicago TAP program
Louisiana	Algiers Charter Schools Association's Teacher Advancement Program (TAP)
Massachusetts	Edward W. Brooke Charter School's Teacher Excellence Incentive Project
Maryland	Prince George's County's FIRST program
North Carolina	Charlotte-Mecklenburg's LEAP program
	Cumberland County's Teacher Incentive Fund
	Guilford County's Mission Possible program
New Mexico	Northern New Mexico's Performance-Based Compensation Program
New York	Center for Educational Innovation's (CEI-PEA) PICCS program
Ohio	Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, and Toledo's OTIF program
Oklahoma	Beggs SMART program
Pennsylvania	Philadelphia's Teacher and Principal Incentive Fund Project
	Pittsburgh's PULSE program
South Carolina	Florence County and Lauren's School District's SCTAP+
	South Carolina Department of Education's TAP
South Dakota	South Dakota Incentive Fund (SDI+)
Tennessee	Memphis City Schools Effective Practice Incentive Community (EPIC) program
Texas	Dallas ISD Performance Pay Program
	Houston's Project ASPIRE
	School of Excellence in Education's TAPASA program
	University of Texas's Teacher Incentive Fund Program
NATIONAL	National Charter School Consortium's Effective Practice Incentive Community (EPIC)

We appreciate your contribution to our study, and your responses will provide invaluable insight into the implementation of performance pay systems across the country. Your responses will be kept **confidential**. For reporting purposes, your responses will be combined with those of other educators in your performance pay program, and no survey response will be reported at the individual level.







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The survey will take approximately 15-20 minutes to complete. If you prefer to complete this survey online, please follow this link: [INSERT LINK] and enter participant code [X]. If you have any questions about this survey or the national study, please contact:

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# National Study of the Teacher Incentive Fund (TIF) Teacher Survey

This survey is intended to help us learn about educators' experiences with performance pay in their school or district as part of the national evaluation of the Teacher Incentive Fund (TIF). <u>Performance pay programs</u> are designed to provide additional compensation—often referred to as incentives—based on meeting certain established criteria. You are receiving this survey because your school is participating in a performance pay program.

1.	Please indicate all grades in which	you currently provide instruction.	Mark all that apply.

PreK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

_	/hat are	your <u>primary</u> teaching assignments	<b>s:</b> Mark all	that app	oly.			
		ntary, all subjects						
	-	l Education (self-contained or resour	ce)					
П		ng/English Language Arts						
П	Science							
П		ematics						
П		Studies or History In language						
	_	or Performing Art(s)						
Ī		ral Education						
		→ Please specify						
	_	the 2010-11 academic year, how m	nany years l	nave you	ı worked	as a tea	cher?	
Λ.	lark one	box per row.		2-3	4-5	6-9	10-19	20+
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		b. Years in your present district						
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a. Goals of the program		
b. Activities for which you can earn incentive pay		
c. How incentive amounts are calculated		
d. When incentive payments are distributed		
e. How your work as a teacher is evaluated for the program	0	

7. For which of the following activities can a teacher earn additional pay under the performance pay program in your school or district? Mark one box per row.

school of district: Mark one box per row.	Yes	No	Don't know
Teaching Assignment  a. Teaching in a "hard-to-staff" school (e.g., schools serving large proportions of economically disadvantaged or low-performing students)			
b. Teaching mathematics			
c. Teaching science			
d. Teaching special education			
Raising Student Achievement			
e. Raising student achievement school-wide			
f. Raising student achievement in a teacher's classroom			
Classroom Practice			
g. A teacher's classroom practice, as measured by formal evaluation			
Other components of the performance pay program			
h. Attending professional development			
i. Participating in graduate level courses, or earning a Master's degree or additional certification (may include tuition reimbursement)			
<ul> <li>j. Taking on additional responsibilities (e.g., being a master teacher, chairing a committee, mentoring another teacher)</li> </ul>			
k. Sharing effective practices with other teachers and educators			
I. Earning National Board Certification			
m. Other → Please specify			

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	aw The	teachers or schools achieving performance benchmard is set in advance. e number of award recipients is set in advance (e.g. e amount of the award varies based on how many to hit know	, only the 5 high	est-perform	ing schools w	in an award).
d	district	ng about the way(s) you receive information abo , indicate how helpful each of the following sou ne box per row.	rces of informa		-	
			Did not receive information	Not at all helpful	Somewhat helpful	Very helpful
	a.	Written communication from the school or district	receive			-
		Written communication from the school or district  Formal meetings or professional development	receive information	helpful	helpful	helpful
		Formal meetings or professional development	receive information	helpful	helpful	helpful
	b.	Formal meetings or professional development	receive information	helpful	helpful	helpful
	b. c. d.	Formal meetings or professional development  Other teachers or staff	receive information	helpful	helpful	helpful

8. Thinking about <u>all</u> of the possible activities that are compensated through incentives in your performance pay program, what is the <u>maximum</u> amount that a teacher can currently earn in addition to base salary?

11.	Thinking about the past 12 months, what support have you received to help you earn an incentive award?
	Mark one box per row.

	Yes	No
a. Mentoring or coaching		
b. Professional development		
c. Observations, evaluation, or feedback from my peers		
d. Administrator evaluation and feedback		
e. Other → Please specify		

# 12. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements about the supports (professional development, coaching, evaluation and feedback) that were available to you in the past 12 months? Mark one box per row.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
a. I have sufficient support available to me.				
b. The support available to me is of high quality.				
c. Our performance pay program influences the type of support I seek out.				
d. The support I received impacted the way I teach.				
e. The support I received helped me earn an incentive award.				

## 13. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements about the performance pay program in your school or district? Mark one box per row.

	·	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
a.	The performance pay program is clearly communicated to educators.				
b.	The performance pay program encourages teachers to work harder than in prior years to get more pay.				
c.	Our school has less chance of earning an award because of the characteristics our student population.				
d.	The incentive program omits important aspects of teaching that should be considered.				
e.	The program does a good job of distinguishing effective from ineffective teachers at my school.				
f.	The criteria to receive an incentive are fair.				
g.	The performance pay program contributes to greater collegiality and professionalism among the staff in my school/district.				
h.	The performance pay program has helped establish common goals for student learning and teacher instruction at my school.				
i.	Changes in student achievement are attributable to the performance pay program.				
j.	Performance pay leads some teachers to focus too much on test-taking and not the broader curriculum.				
k.	Our performance pay program helps schools attract effective teachers.				
l.	Our performance pay program helps schools retain effective teachers.				
m.	Performance pay positively affects the status of the teaching profession.				
n.	Teachers at my school are more comfortable with frequent observations of their teaching because of the performance pay program.				
0.	The prospect that teachers can earn additional compensation leads some teachers to engage in unethical behavior.				0
p.	Leadership at my school is more effective now that the principal participates in a performance pay program.				
q.	Performance pay negatively affects the morale of teachers who did not receive an incentive award.				
q.	Parents and the school community believe the performance pay program is important.				
r.	The performance pay program is likely to continue for the foreseeable future.				

14.	Incl	uding this year, how many years have you participated in a performance pay program? Mark only one box.
		None, I have never participated in a performance pay program → SKIP TO QUESTION 20  1 year (e.g., this is my first year) → SKIP TO QUESTION 18  2 - 3 years  4 - 5 years  More than 5 years  Don't know
15.	_	at was the total amount of the performance bonus you received LAST year, for 2009-10? Mark only one box
		None, I did not participate in the performance pay program in 2009-2010 → SKIP TO QUESTION 18  None, I did not receive a performance bonus last year → SKIP TO QUESTION 17  Less than \$1000 \$1,000 - \$1,999 \$2,000 - \$3,999 \$4,000 - \$5,999 \$6,000 - \$7,999 \$8,000 - \$7,999 \$10,000 - \$11,999 \$12,000 - \$14,999 \$15,000 or more  Don't know
16.		you receive the correct compensation LAST year, for <u>2009-10</u> , based on the criteria of the performance pay gram and your personal performance? <i>Mark only one box.</i>
		Yes No Don't know

<b>17.</b>	How strongly do you agree or disagree with the	e following statem	ents ab	out your	participation in the
	performance pay program? Mark one box per	row.			
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	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
a. The performance pay system is fair.				
b. I can increase my earnings through the performance pay program.				
c. I am better compensated as a teacher with a performance pay program.				
d. The size of the possible award is large enough to motivate me to earn it.				
e. The formal evaluation I received was fair.				
f. I have altered my instructional practices as a result of the performance pay program.				
g. I was already working as effectively as I could before the implementation of the performance pay program.				
h. I experience personal satisfaction earning an award.				
i. I understand why I did or did not receive an incentive.				

18.	Are you CURRENTLY, in <u>2010-11,</u> participating in the performance pay program in your school or district
	Mark only one box.

Yes
No → SKIP TO QUESTION 20
Don't know

19. Thinking about this academic year (2010-11), what is the likelihood that you will earn an award for each of the following? If the performance pay program in your school or district does not provide incentives in one of the categories, please check "Not applicable". *Mark one box per row*.

	Not at all likely	Somewhat likely	Very likely	Not applicable
a. Teaching in a hard-to-staff school				
b. Teaching a specific subject				
c. Raising student achievement school-wide				
d. Raising student achievement in my classroom				
e. Classroom practice, as measured by formal evaluation				
f. Other components of the performance pay program (e.g., professional development, additional responsibilities, additional certification)				

20. F	How strongly do you	agree or disagree	about effects of the	performance pay pro	ogram? Mark one box p	er row.
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		Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
a.	I am more satisfied with teaching because of performance pay.				
b.	The stress and disappointments involved in teaching at this school are greater due to performance pay.				
c.	My job satisfaction has increased due to performance pay.		0		
d.	I am more satisfied with my overall level of compensation due to performance pay.				
e.	I receive more useful feedback from my evaluations due to the performance pay program.		0		
f. g.	I receive more support through professional development due to the performance pay program.				
h. i.	I feel increased pressure to perform due to performance pay.				
j. k.	I have less freedom to teach the way I would like to teach due to performance pay.				

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[	1	Yes No	→ SKIP TO QUESTION 23				
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Ĺ	1		nged my primary <u>subject of instruction</u> to earn performance				
[	1		<u>lied</u> to <u>my school</u> to get into the performance pay program <u>lied</u> for positions in <u>another school or district</u> to <u>try to leave</u>		nance pay	program.	

#### 23. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your school? Mark one box per row. Strongly Strongly disagree Disagree Agree agree a. Teachers trust and respect one another. b. School administrators respect and support the teachers in their work. П П П П c. Teachers are involved in making decisions at this school. d. Parents and the community respect teachers at this school. e. Most educators believe that all the students at this school can do well academically. П f. School administrators set high standards for teaching. g. School administrators know what is going on in teachers' classrooms. 24. Indicate how often most teachers at your school do each of the following activities. Mark one box per row. A few Once or Once or **Almost** times twice a twice a every Never this year month week day a. Share ideas, strategies, and methods on teaching and П П П b. Share and discuss student work П c. Observe each other's classroom instruction d. Discuss student assessment data with other teachers to П make instructional decisions 25. What is the highest degree you hold? Mark only one box. Associate's degree Bachelor's degree П Bachelor's degree plus some graduate credit Master's degree Master's degree plus some additional graduate credit Doctorate or professional degree Other → Please specify \_\_

26. Wha	t is your age (in years)? Mark only one box.
	Less than 25 25 - 30 31 - 40 41 - 50 51 - 65 65 or over
27. Wha	t is your current base salary (before taxes and deductions)? Mark only one box.
	Less than \$20,000 \$20,000 - \$29,999 \$30,000 - \$39,999 \$40,000 - \$49,999 \$50,000 - \$59,999 \$60,000 - \$69,999 \$70,000 - \$79,999 \$80,000 - \$89,999 \$90,000 or more
28. Pleas	se indicate today's date (MM/DD/YYYY): 00/00/0000
	se share any other information that could help us better understand the performance pay program in your ol or district.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR COMPLETING THIS SURVEY.