

# Teacher Focus Group Protocol

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- 1) Let's begin by going around and saying names and your position(s) at the school.
- 2) How did you hear about the ITEST project?
  - a. What motivated you to participate?
  - b. Do you participate with other teachers from your department? school? district?
  - c. Have you ever done anything else similar to this type of a project?
- 3) What activities are you engaged in as part of the project?
  - a. How often do you attend?
- 4) As a result of your work with this project, have you gained specific knowledge or skills? Probe for each of the following:
  - a. Use of technology
  - b. Curriculum or instructional plans
  - c. Hands-on activities for the classroom
  - d. Creating a community of learners
  - e. Content knowledge
  - f. Other?
- 5) How, if at all, have you implemented what you learned in your classrooms? Ask for SPECIFIC EXAMPLES.
- 6) As a result of your work with this project, do you think differently about your future as a STEM educator?
- 7) What activities have been most valuable to you in your development as a STEM teacher? Why?
- 8) What activities have been least valuable to you in your development as a STEM teacher? Why?
- 9) What, if any, new roles have you taken on at your school as a result of your participation in this project?
- 10) Have you been able to share what you learned with colleagues who did not participate?
- 11) Would you participate in another similar project if you had the chance? Why?