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EVALUATION OF THE CAROL M. WHITE PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM - CONTACT E-MAIL

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Contact Email for PEP Case Study

Dear Carol M. White Physical Education Program (PEP) Project Administrators,

As you know, the U.S. Department of Education's (ED) Policy and Program Studies Service has contracted with the American Institutes for Research (AIR) to conduct an evaluation of PEP based on grantees who received their award in 2010. The goal of the evaluation is to gather information on various aspects of PEP projects' services and activities aimed at improving physical education programs for K-12 students. The evaluation will offer insight into how the program may be enhanced to further promote healthy living among America's youth. Please note that you are required to participate in this study, as a recipient of a PEP grant. This requirement is described in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, Sec. 9306(a)(4).

Thank you for completing the Year 1 Survey. In addition to the survey component of the evaluation, ED is conducting a set of case studies and your project has been selected as a possible case study site. The purpose of the case study is to learn more details about PEP projects' experiences with partnerships and BMI data. In the next week the study team at AIR and their subcontractor, Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) will contact you. They will provide you with more details regarding the case study and inquire about your availability to participate.

Your project's participation will help ED learn about the new PEP competitive preference priorities related to establishing community partnerships and the collection and use of BMI measurements to enable PEP to build on areas of strength and address areas for improvement. The reports prepared for this study will summarize findings across the sample and will not associate responses with a specific grantee or individual. The contractor will not provide information that identifies a participant, organization, or district to anyone outside the study team, except as required by law.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact AIR at <u>ADDRESS@air.org</u> or xxx-xxx-xxxx.

Sincerely,

Director, Policy and Program Studies Service