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NTPS-12L(2) (9-2014)

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NTPS-12L(3) (8-2014) U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION SCIENCES

NATIONAL CENTER FOR EDUCATION STATISTICS

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NTPS-13L(3) (9-2014)

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An important component of the survey is the Teacher Listing Form (TLF). The TLF collects each teacher's name, subject matter taught, full- or part-time status, and years of experience.

# Any staff member who is knowledgeable about your school's teachers can provide this information electronically.

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- 1. Refer to the enclosed reference card for details on the type of information that we are requesting and for instructions on whom to include and exclude from the list.
- 2. Go to https://respond.census.gov/ntpscc.
  - a) Enter your case-sensitive **username**:
  - b) Enter your case-sensitive **password**:
  - c) Click on "Login".
- 3. Click on the "Provide a Teacher List" link located on the left side of the webpage.
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Thank you in advance for your participation in this important survey.

Chris Chapman Associate Commissioner for Education Statistics National Center for Education Statistics U.S. Department of Education



#### Dear

Earlier this school year, I sent you the Teacher Questionnaire of the National Teacher and Principal Survey (NTPS), a large-scale, nationwide sample survey of elementary and secondary schools and the teachers and principals who staff them.

According to our records, you have not yet completed the survey. You represent hundreds of other teachers, and your participation is important to obtain an accurate view of the professional background, teaching field, workload, and working conditions of teachers in this country. Your cooperation in this important effort is greatly appreciated.

If you have recently completed the survey, thank you! You do not need to complete the enclosed questionnaire. If you have not yet completed the survey, please complete it and return it to us in the enclosed postage-paid envelope. The interview will take approximately 34 minutes to complete.

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NTPS-19L(A)/(B) (7-2014) NATIONAL CENTER FOR EDUCATION STATISTICS

#### Dear

I am asking for your participation in the 2014-15 National Teacher and Principal Survey (NTPS) conducted under the authority of the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002, 20 U.S. Code §9541(b) and §9543(a) to provide critical data to policy makers and researchers on school organization, decision making, recruitment and retention of teachers, and other important education topics. The U.S. Census Bureau is conducting the 2014-15 NTPS on behalf of the National Center for Education Statistics, the statistical agency of the U.S. Department of Education.

We know that your time is valuable, but we would like to encourage you to take the time to complete the Teacher Questionnaire so that policy makers and education researchers will have an accurate view of the professional background, teaching field, workload, and working conditions of teachers in the United States.

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#### To login to the Teacher Questionnaire:

- 1. Go to https://respond.census.gov/ntpstq.
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Dear

Thank you for your assistance in the 2014-15 National Teacher and Principal Survey (NTPS). Enclosed are the replacement questionnaire(s) that were requested. Please complete the enclosed questionnaire(s) or distribute these questionnaire(s) and the postage-paid return envelope(s) to the appropriate staff.

Please return completed questionnaire(s) as soon as possible.

Answers to commonly asked questions about the NTPS are on page 2 of your questionnaire. You can find additional information about the NTPS at <u>http://nces.ed.gov/surveys/ntps</u>.

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