

Welcome to the Parent Information and School Choice Study

Thank you for agreeing to participate in the Parent Information and School Choice Study. This study is funded by the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Evaluation and Regional Assistance and is being conducted by Mathematica Policy Research, an independent research firm, with Survey Sampling International (SSI), Tembo, Inc., and researchers from Tulane University and Columbia University.

The purpose of this study is to help schools, districts and policymakers better understand how parents choose schools for their children. By completing this consent page, you are agreeing to complete a 40 minute web-based research study. The study will include questions about your experiences choosing schools. You will also be asked to complete an exercise where you review school information for a fictional city and make some decisions based on that information. Lastly, you will be asked to provide feedback about the information you reviewed. **[FILL for in-person recruitment]**: You will receive a \$30 gift card to thank you for your participation upon completion of the questionnaire.

The survey should take approximately 40 minutes. You may save your work at the end of any section and return later. However, once you start a section, you must complete and submit it before saving. Also, you will not be able to move backwards in the survey to see or change earlier responses.

All information from this study will be kept confidential as required by the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002 (Title I, Part E, Section 183). To ensure privacy, identification numbers will be used on the surveys rather than names. All of the information that is collected will be stored separately from school records in a secure location. Responses to this data collection will be used only for statistical purposes. The reports prepared for this study will summarize findings across the sample and will not associate responses with a specific district, school, or individual. We will not provide information that identifies you, your school, or your district to anyone outside the study team, except as required by law.

Your participation is voluntary. There are no risks associated with participating in this study. Information we collect will be kept strictly confidential. If you have questions about the study, please contact Lisbeth Goble at XXXX or LGoble@mathematica-mpr.com. If you have questions about your rights as a research volunteer, please contact New England Institutional Review Board at toll-free 1-800-232-9570.

IF YOU ARE WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STUDY, PLEASE MARK HERE→

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