

## **Appendix F**

### Approved Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

**You Are Invited to Participate in a  
Reliability and Validity Study (2019) Focused on the Linked  
Mathematics Assessments, IKAN and GloSS**

**Who can participate?**

Districts will be chosen if they currently use the Individual Knowledge Assessment of Number (IKAN) and the Global Strategy Stage (GloSS). First and third grade teachers, along with mathematics specialists or instructional coaches may volunteer to participate in the study.

**What is the commitment?**

Teachers attend a 2-day refresher training for administering the IKAN and GloSS. Teachers will administer the IKAN and GloSS assessments to approximately 3-6 students. Teachers will also complete an online survey and (if randomly selected) attend a focus group. Teachers will be compensated for any work done outside of their typical work day at their local, daily rate.

**Will all interested schools in a district participate in the project?**

No. Schools will be contacted within districts who have already provided support of the project. Teachers from Grades 1 and 3, mathematics coaches, and instructional coaches will volunteer, if interested. Teachers and schools will be included in the study on a first come, first served basis.

**What are the IKAN and GloSS assessments?**

The IKAN and GloSS are a pair of linked assessments that can be used within multi-tiered systems of support (MTSS). These assessments were designed for K–8 settings and provide information to teachers about the strategies students use and their skill level.

**Who selected the IKAN and GloSS assessments and why?**

The Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) requested this research study through the REL Southeast. Several school districts in Georgia use the IKAN and GloSS assessment system as part of their provision of services within an MTSS.

**What is the cost of participating in the project?**

The training and all materials associated with the project are provided at *no cost* to the school or district. The study team will share the cost of paying substitutes if sessions are scheduled during the school day and teachers are released from instruction. Teachers are compensated for participating in the research study outside of school hours.

**Where and when will the training take place?**

The training will be conducted in one central location. Participants who travel more than 50 miles to the training will be offered overnight travel accommodations.

**Who conducts the training?**

The research team plans to contract one of the local IKAN and GloSS trainers to conduct the training for this study.

**Can districts participate if teachers have recently been trained in the IKAN and GloSS?**

Yes. All teachers who volunteer to participate will attend the refresher training; therefore, prior training in the assessments is allowed.

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