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We look forward to hearing from you!

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February 2024 Initial Letter – December 2023 Respondents (No Email Schools, Accepts Reimbursement)

DATE

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February 2024 Reminder Email 1 – February Nonrespondents (Reimbursement Schools)

[Subject line: 2023-24 School Pulse Panel: February Survey Reminder]

Dear [POSITION] of [SCHOOL NAME]:

Did you know that 79 percent of public schools reported that parents had expressed concerns about their children's social, emotional, and mental health during the 2021-22 school year? Through your participation in the February 2024 School Pulse Panel (SPP), we will learn more about these concerns and other topics during the 2023-24 school year.

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March Communication Materials

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March 2024 Initial Letter – January 2024 Nonrespondents (No Email Schools, Accepts Reimbursement)

DATE

Dear [POSITION] of [SCHOOL_NAME]

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- In last year's SPP survey, we asked participating public schools questions about the mental health services they provided. We found that *67 percent of public schools had increased the types or amount of mental health services they provided to students since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020.*
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March 2024 Initial Email – February 2024 Respondents (Reimbursement Schools)

[Subject line: 2023-24 School Pulse Panel: March Survey Invitation]

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March 2024 Reminder Email 1 – March Nonrespondents (Reimbursement Schools)

[Subject line: 2023-24 School Pulse Panel: March Survey Reminder]

Dear [POSITION] of [SCHOOL NAME]:

Did you know that 46 percent of public schools with special education teaching positions reported having vacancies in these areas entering the summer of 2022? Through your participation in the March 2024 School Pulse Panel (SPP), we will learn more about public schools' staffing vacancies.

This is a reminder to complete the March 2024 survey by Tuesday, March 26, 2024. To thank you for your time and effort in providing this information, **your school will receive \$200 for completing the entire survey.**

- This month's survey will ask you about student and staff mental health and staffing.
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- Your school is among a small number of schools selected to participate in the Panel. Without responses from your school, we will have an incomplete picture of the condition of education during the 2023-24 school year. Data that are representative of *all* public schools inform better policies.
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Thank you for your consideration of this important initiative. We look forward to your school's participation in this month's collection!

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[March 2024 Reminder Email 2 – March Nonrespondents \(Reimbursement Schools\)](#)

[Subject line: 2023-24 School Pulse Panel: Your Response is Important]

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March 2024 Reminder Email 3 – March Nonrespondents (Reimbursement Schools)

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March 2024 Initial Letter – January 2024 Respondents (Reimbursement Schools) – Treatment,
No Monthly Topic Information

DATE

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March 2024 Initial Letter – January 2024 Nonrespondents (Accepts Reimbursement) – Treatment, No Monthly Topic Information

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March 2024 Initial Email – February 2024 Respondents (Reimbursement Schools) – Treatment,
No Monthly Topic Information

[Subject line: 2023-24 School Pulse Panel: March Survey Invitation]

Dear [POSITION] of [SCHOOL_NAME]

Thank you for participating in the February 2024 School Pulse Panel (SPP) data collection. This email contains your March survey invitation. Please complete the survey by **Tuesday, March 26, 2024**.

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March 2024 Reminder Email 1 – March Nonrespondents (Reimbursement Schools) – Treatment, No Monthly Topic Information

[Subject line: 2023-24 School Pulse Panel: March Survey Reminder]

Dear [POSITION] of [SCHOOL NAME]:

Through your participation in the March 2024 School Pulse Panel (SPP), we will learn more about pressing issues facing public schools.

This is a reminder to complete the March 2024 survey by Tuesday, March 26, 2024. To thank you for your time and effort in providing this information, **your school will receive \$200 for completing the entire survey.**

- The survey will take approximately 30 minutes or less to complete. You can access the survey by visiting the link below and entering your User ID:

[URL]

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- Your school is among a small number of schools selected to participate in the Panel. Without responses from your school, we will have an incomplete picture of the condition of education during the 2023-24 school year. Data that are representative of *all* public schools inform better policies.
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March 2024 Reminder Email 2 – March Nonrespondents (Reimbursement Schools) – Treatment, No Monthly Topic Information

[Subject line: 2023-24 School Pulse Panel: Your Response is Important]

Dear [POSITION] of [SCHOOL_NAME]:

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[Subject line: School Pulse Panel: Last Day to Respond to March 2024 Survey is Today]

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April Communication Materials

April 2024 Initial Letter – February 2024 Respondents (Reimbursement Schools)

DATE

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- In last year's SPP survey, we asked participating public schools questions about emergency preparedness at their school. We found that *94 percent of public schools had a written plan that described procedures to be performed in the event of a natural disaster, such as an earthquake or tornado.*
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April 2024 Initial Email – March 2024 Respondents (Reimbursement Schools)

[Subject line: 2023-24 School Pulse Panel: February Survey Invitation]

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Thank you for participating in the March 2024 School Pulse Panel (SPP) data collection. This email contains your April survey invitation. Please complete the survey by **Tuesday, April 23, 2024**.

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April 2024 Initial Email – March 2024 Respondents (No Debit Card Schools)

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April 2024 Reminder Email 1 – April Nonrespondents (Reimbursement Schools)

[Subject line: 2023-24 School Pulse Panel: April Survey Reminder]

Dear [POSITION] of [SCHOOL NAME]:

Did you know that, as of November 2022, 24 percent of public schools reported feeling very prepared to deal with an active shooter at their school? Through your participation in the April 2024 School Pulse Panel (SPP), we will learn more about how prepared schools feel to deal with emergency events during the 2023-24 school year.

This is a reminder to complete the April 2024 survey by Tuesday, April 23, 2024. To thank you for your time and effort in providing this information, **your school will receive \$200 for completing the entire survey.**

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April 2024 Reminder Email 2 – April Nonrespondents (Reimbursement Schools)

[Subject line: 2023-24 School Pulse Panel: Your Response is Important]

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- In last year's SPP survey, we asked participating public schools questions about emergency preparedness at their school. We found that *70 percent of public schools felt very prepared to deal with inclement weather, such as extreme heat or snowstorms.*
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April 2024 Reminder Email 3 – April Nonrespondents (Reimbursement Schools)

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May Communication Materials

May 2024 Initial Letter – March 2024 Respondents (Reimbursement Schools)

DATE

Dear [POSITION] of [SCHOOL_NAME]

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[URL]

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School Pulse Panel: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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May 2024 Initial Email – April 2024 Nonrespondents (No Debit Card Schools)

[Subject line: 2023-24 School Pulse Panel: May Survey Invitation]

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May 2024 Reminder Email 1 – May Nonrespondents (Reimbursement Schools)

[Subject line: 2023-24 School Pulse Panel: May Survey Reminder]

Dear [POSITION] of [SCHOOL NAME]:

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June Communication Materials

June 2024 Initial Letter – April 2024 Respondents (Reimbursement Schools)

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[Subject line: 2023-24 School Pulse Panel: June Survey Invitation]

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THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
NATIONAL CENTER FOR EDUCATION STATISTICS

[MONTH] 2024

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