

## **Kentucky Teaching and Leading Conditions Survey Data Memorandum of Understanding**

The **TELL** (Teaching, Empowering, Leading and Learning) Kentucky Teaching Conditions Coalition of Partners want to ensure that every Kentucky educator and every student works in and attends school that is a great place to teach and learn. Research from across the country has demonstrated the presence of positive teaching and learning conditions is essential for student success and teacher retention. By documenting and analyzing how teachers and other educators view their teaching and learning conditions, educators, stakeholders and policymakers can make evidence-based decisions on policies and practices that will improve student learning and success.

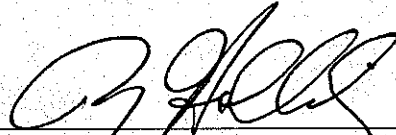
The Coalition of partners believes that the TELL Kentucky survey data should be shared for research purposes through a partnership with Kentucky colleges and universities. The Coalition of Partners want to ensure that Kentucky colleges and universities promote research efforts using the data to help inform policy makers and educators so that every student attends a school that is a great place in which to teach and learn.

**The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding between the TELL Kentucky Coalition of Partners and Deans from the Kentucky colleges and universities is to facilitate additional analysis of TELL Kentucky school and district survey data. The Coalition of Partners and the Deans from Kentucky colleges and universities are committed to a shared understanding of:**

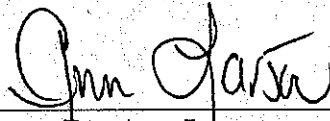
- Creating a common reporting site on the TELL Kentucky website ([www.tellkentucky.org](http://www.tellkentucky.org)) for research which includes the TELL Kentucky survey. This will allow the general public to view the topics of the various research projects where the TELL Kentucky data will be used.
- Promoting research from the institutions of higher education which involves the TELL Kentucky data from the TELL Kentucky website.
- Monitoring and proactively promoting the appropriate use of school and district data among research partners.
- That all participants responding to the TELL Kentucky survey were voluntary, results were anonymous, and that the TELL Kentucky data base includes no individual identifiers that could compromise anonymity.
- Maintaining confidentiality and privacy safeguards that were originally established as part of the TELL Kentucky survey protocol. There are to be no identifiers at the individual school level that will compromise the anonymity protocols the Coalition of partners has established. *Any research which involves school level identifiers will be written such that the school's identity is protected from public reporting and shall be approved by the Coalition of Partners Advisory Team.*

- The Coalition of Partners will be given advance notice and copies of reports and research papers prior to public release.
- All research will appropriately cite/acknowledge the New Teacher Center and the TELL Kentucky Coalition of Partners in publications that utilize the data source.


*The following partners, representing the Kentucky Department of Education, the Kentucky Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, the Education Professional Standards Board, the Council on Postsecondary Education, and the TELL Kentucky Coalition of Partners, offer their signatures as witness to the agreement in this Memorandum of Understanding July 25, 2012.*



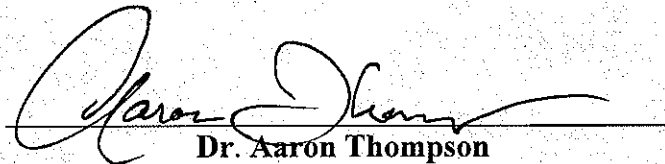
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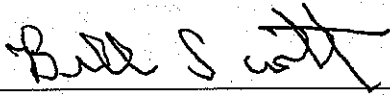
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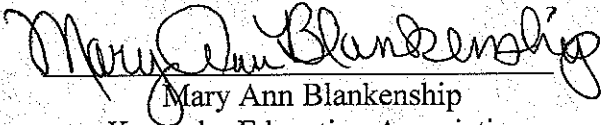
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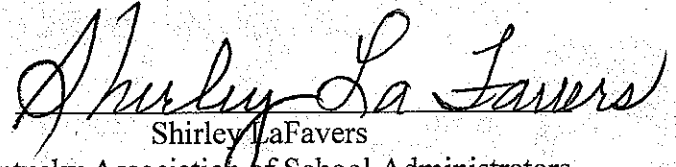
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