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TO: All Kentucky Educators

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We value the voices of the people who work with the children across the Commonwealth every day in our schools -- our teachers and administrators. That is why we want to hear directly from you about the conditions in your school and the supports you need to do your jobs well.

We are pleased to offer the third statewide **TELL Kentucky Survey**, an anonymous, web-based survey for educators to voice their perceptions of the teaching and learning conditions in schools. As in 2011 and 2013, the intent is to provide schools, districts and the state with data that can be used to enhance school improvement efforts. The survey is called **TELL Kentucky**, not just because we want to hear from you, but because the survey is about **Teaching, Empowering, Leading and Learning**.

In 2013, educators in Kentucky set a record with an 87% response rate to TELL Kentucky! The use of the data from the 2011 and 2013 survey has been imbedded in different initiatives across the Commonwealth, including use in school improvement plans, the design of new evaluation tools, Race to the Top, Kentucky's ESEA Waiver and professional development opportunities. And, in 2012, the Kentucky Board of Education adopted the Kentucky Teaching Conditions Standards establishing expectations that every principal, superintendent and local board of education will understand and work to meet these standards.

The survey is completely **voluntary, confidential and anonymous!** Your access code (listed in the box) ensures that each educator takes the survey only once and that we correctly identify your school. It CANNOT be used to identify you as an individual.

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| <p><<School Name>> <<District Name>> Your Confidential Access Code # <<access code>></p> <p>Using your confidential access code, you may complete the survey from any Internet location from March 2 through March 31, 2015 at www.tellkentucky.org.</p> |
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You and your colleagues will be asked questions about the allocation of your time; facilities and resources; student learning; community engagement; empowerment; school leadership; professional development; and mentoring. The survey will be available online at www.tellkentucky.org for every school-based certified educator to access starting March 2 and ending March 31. You should be able to complete the survey in 20 to 30 minutes.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the survey help desk at helpdesk@tellkentucky.org OR call toll-free at 1-866-301-2454, extension 15, Monday through Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. OR access instant help from the website at www.tellkentucky.org.

Please encourage your colleagues to participate in the survey. You can track the response rate (not answers) in your school in real time on the survey website. The data will be provided to each Kentucky school for use in improvement planning processes. Individual school results will be available online by the end of May 2015 if enough educators participate -- at least 50% of certified personnel in the building and at least five respondents.

Your voice is essential. **TELL Kentucky** and we will listen. Thank you for your time and for all that you do, every day, to help the children of the Commonwealth.