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## Teacher Consent Form

### What you need to know:

- You are being invited to participate in a supplemental teacher pay grant program by the Louisiana Department of Education that will involve additional research by the Kathleen Babineaux Blanco Public Policy Center at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette
- To be eligible for this grant, you agree to your center director sharing personal information about your salary, hours worked, and benefits info with us
- If your center is selected for this grant opportunity, you are eligible to receive either a 10% salary supplement or an additional \$2,080 per year (as determined by the grant program)
- Based on funding limitations, not all centers that apply will receive the supplemental pay grant, so you are not guaranteed compensation for participating
- The supplemental pay will be for a limited time, August 2022 - July 2024
- Accepting additional salary could affect any government assistance benefits you receive
  - Please check with your federal and state benefits offices if you are concerned about losing benefits such as SNAP or housing assistance from increased pay
  - If you agree to participate today, you will have an opportunity to opt out of receiving funds after you are notified of the amount of your supplement, if any
- Your payroll information will be stored in a secure database at the University of Louisiana with your name during the duration of the program for 2 years
- Your payroll information will be stored in a secure database without your name for an additional 8 years to allow researchers to examine results
- Other existing data collected by the Louisiana Department of Education may be linked to grant program data to extend the research, but individual teacher names will be removed from those linked data and only aggregated results will be shared or published
- This research might be published, but your name or other individual level data will **not** be in the publication

### What you need to do:

If you are willing to share your information for a chance to have a limited time salary increase, please sign this form. After your award selection is determined, you will have an additional opportunity to opt-out of this program.

### Risks:

- Accepting extra salary could cause you to lose SNAP, housing, public health insurance, or other public benefits that you receive due to your current income level. If you receive any of these types of assistance, please consult with your local office.
- We will use our best resources to keep your information confidential, but there is always a chance of data breach

### Questions or Concerns:

For questions about the grant program or use of data, please contact the Louisiana Department of Education at (225)-252-9543 or (225)-250-7635 or e-mail them at [earlychildhood@la.gov](mailto:earlychildhood@la.gov). If you have any questions about your rights as a research participant, please contact the Chair of UL Lafayette Institutional Review Board (IRB) at [irb@louisiana.edu](mailto:irb@louisiana.edu) or 337-482-5811. The primary purpose of the UL Lafayette IRB is to protect the rights and welfare of human subjects involved in research activities being conducted at UL Lafayette.

### CONSENT

I understand that I am participating in a grant program that involves research and that the research has been explained to me so that I understand what I am doing. I understand that I may stop participating at any time.

Center Name:	
Center License #:	
Teacher Name:	
Teacher Signature:	
Date:	