**Interview Guide**

Each interview with parents, teachers, and administrators will be initiated with a greeting

and expression of thanks for their participation. I will then introduce myself prior to describing the research study as follows:

This is a study concerning parent involvement perceptions and attitudes here at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. *Este estudio investiguirá el involucramiento de padres utiloizando el punto de vista de los padres.*

This research is being used for my dissertation, where I am working towards earning my Doctorate in Education from Texas State University. *Este estudio es uno de los requisites necesarions para recibir mi doctorado en la universidad de Texas State.*

First, I want to make a couple of things clear. Your participation in this study is

completely voluntary. If you do choose to participate, I will be recording you, but

your name, this school’s name, and any other identifiable information will not be

used in any way in my study. Your responses will not be shared with anyone else,

and after I am done analyzing your responses, I will destroy the information on the

digital recorder along with any notes I took. *Su participación en este studio es voluntario y si se decide participar aunque grabaré sus respuestas todo sera destrozado despues que termine con el analysis de los datos.*

I do not have a prior idea for how long this interview/focus group will take, but I

predict that this process will take at least ten to fifteen minutes. But we can talk for

as long as you want.  *No se exactamente cuanto tiempo durará esta entrevista pero Ud. puede cancelar o seguir adelante cuando guste.*

So are you willing to participate? (Yes, No) ¿*Esta despuesto/a a participar? (Sí, No)* I will once again thank participant.

It is very important to my research that you answer as honestly as

you can. *Es muy inportante* *que Ud. conteste sinceramente.* There are no right or wrong answers to my questions.  *No hay respuestas correctas o incorrectas.* Just relax and be yourself.  *Simplemente relajese y sea fiel a si mismo.*

I will then provide a copy of the informed consent for the participants. Interviews will

take place either in the library, classroom, or other vacant area where interviews can progress without major interruptions. To help research participants relax, I will always begin interviews with informal conversations, normally revolving around school, children, and feelings about education in general. I will inform the participant that we are ready to begin when I see that they are ready and more or less comfortable. I will begin the recording on the recording device and proceed with the following questions to parents, teachers, and administrators:

**Guiding Questions for Interviews**

1. What does the phrase “parent involvement in school” mean to you.

a. What past experiences have you had that might contribute to this

perception of parent involvement?

**Probing Questions**

1. In what ways have you seen others or been excluded yourself from parental involvement?

2. In what ways (if any) do you think parental involvement could be improved?

3. What barriers (if any) are getting in the way of parental involvement?

4. What would you want most out of parent involvement, and what would it look

like in a perfect world?

***Preguntas de enfoque para entrevistas***

*1. ¿Qué significa para usted la frase "participación o invulcramiento de los padres en la escuela"?*

*a. ¿Qué experiencias pasadas ha tenido que puedan contribuir a esta*

*definición de la participación de los padres?*

***Preguntas para Escrudiñar***

*1. ¿ De alguna manera ha visto usted a otros que han sido excluidos o usted mismo excluido de participación o invulcramiento enactividades en esta escuela?*

*2. ¿De qué manera (si hay alguna) ¿Cree usted que se podría mejorar la*

*participación de los padres?*

*3. ¿Qué barreras (si existen) se interponen en el camino de una mejor*

*participación de los padres en esta escuela?*

*4. ¿Qué mas quisierás tu lograr con la participación de los padres en esta escuela, lo que se vería en un mundo perfecto?*

These same questions will be given to parents, teachers, and administrators to limit

wide ranges in responses.

**Focus Group Protocol**

Sharing protocols for Focus groups will be carried out as follows: Particpants will acknowledge that sharing views can sometimes be contentious, and if people disagree with statements, they are to wait for their turn to speak.

*“We all want to be heard, and I promise you will get* *your turn to speak. I encourage passionate responses, as long as they are respectful* *of other people’s spaces and abilities to share.*

After these protocols are established, I will begin recording and

the following questions will guide the discussion in the parent and teacher focus group respectively.

**Guiding Questions**

1. What does the phrase “parent involvement in school” mean to you.

a. What past experiences have you had that might contribute to this

perception of parent involvement?

**Probing Questions**

1. In what ways have you seen or been excluded from parental involvement at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

2. In what ways (if any) do you think \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ could improve parent

involvement?

3. What barriers (if any) are getting in the way of more parent involvement at

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

4. What would you want most out of parent involvement, and what would it look

like in a perfect world?

***Preguntas de enfoque para entrevistas***

*1. ¿Qué significa para usted la frase "participacióno involucramiento de los padres en la escuela"?*

*a. ¿Qué experiencias pasadas ha tenido que puedan contribuir a esta*

*definición de la participación de los padres?*

***Preguntas para Escrudiñar***

*1. ¿De qué manera han visto o han sido separados de la participación de los*

*Padres el la escuela\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?*

*2. ¿De qué manera (si hay alguna) ¿Cree usted que\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ podría mejorar la*

*participación de los padres?*

*3. ¿Qué barreras (si existen) se interponen en el camino de una mayor*

*participación de los padres en \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?*

*4. ¿Qué mas quisierás tu lograr con la participación de los padres en esta escuela, lo que se vería en un mundo perfecto?*