

## **"Participant Information Sheet"**

**Research Title:** Understanding School Board Engagement with Education Policy Strategies

**The Research Team:** Plural Connections Group

Plural Connections is an interdisciplinary research and action lab based at Northeastern University. Our mission is to use tools from data science and design to advance pluralism: an inclusive response to diversity in society. This study aligns with the group's goal of connecting with communities to foster inclusive education using data. Learn more here: <https://www.pluralconnections.org/about>

**Purpose of the study:**

You are invited to participate in a research study exploring how school district leaders engage with policy strategies related to key education topics. This research aims to understand school board discussion topics and school policy strategies that provoke the most engagement. Our goal is to help improve the way educational policy ideas are shared to foster more equitable, data-driven and overall more effective decision-making in school districts.

**Why you:**

We are reaching out to you because you serve as an elected school board member. Your insights and feedback are valuable in understanding what topics are prioritized and what policy strategies are received and considered by district leaders. Your contact information was obtained from publicly available sources.

**What participation looks like:**

If you choose to participate, you will be asked to complete a brief survey about your engagement with various education policy topics, which should take approximately 10-20 minutes.

**Voluntary participation & confidentiality:**

Participation is entirely voluntary, and you may withdraw at any time without any consequences. All responses will be kept confidential and used solely for academic research purposes. No personally identifiable information will be shared in published results.

**Questions:**

Contact us if you have any questions about the study, by emailing (name) at (some email).

**Acknowledgment:**

By continuing with the survey, you acknowledge that you have read and understood this information and agree to participate in the study.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Your insights are invaluable to our research.

**Survey:**

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