

Principal Preparation: Perspectives from the Field

Dear Participant:

You are invited to participate in a research study. The purpose of this study is to explore the cumulation of life and lived work experience and perceptions of K-12 principals in the state of Kentucky and how school leadership development has affected that journey. This study is conducted by Dr. Deborah Powers and Dr. W. Kyle Ingle and statewide associates from across the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Your participation in the study will involve reviewing this informed consent and completing a short survey requiring no more than 20 minutes of your time. **By completing the survey, you are granting your consent to participate in this study.** You will not be compensated for participating in this study.

The information you provide will expand knowledge of the perspectives of school principals and inform how effective school administrators can support them, both as principals and as individuals. Your information will be kept in a password protected file on a secure computer in possession of the research team. The information collected may not benefit you directly.

Individuals from the Department of Leadership, Evaluation, and Organizational Development, the Institutional Review Board (IRB), the Human Subjects Protection Program Office (HSPPO), and other regulatory agencies may inspect these records. In all other respects, however, the data will be held in confidence to the extent permitted by law. Should the data be published, your identity will not be disclosed.

If you participate in this study, identifiable information such as your name or email address may be removed from the information collected in this study. After removal, the information may be used for future research or shared with other researchers without additional consent from you.

Taking part in this study is voluntary. Again, you will not be compensated for participating in this study.

If you have any questions, concerns, or complaints about the research study, please contact: Dr. Deborah Powers at Debbie.powers@louisville.edu.

If you have any questions about your rights as a research participant, you may call the Human Subjects Protection Program Office at (502) 852-5188. You can discuss any questions about your rights as a research participant, in private, with a member of the Institutional Review Board (IRB). The IRB is an independent committee made up of people from the University community, staff of the institutions, as well as people from the community not connected with these institutions. The IRB has reviewed this research study. If you have concerns or complaints about the research or research staff and you do not wish to give your name, you may call 1-877-852-1167. This is a 24-hour hot line answered by people who do not work at the University of Louisville.

Thank you for your consideration to participate in our study.

Sincerely,

Dr. Deborah Powers, PI