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Dear Educational Partners:

The California Department of Education is pleased to partner with the Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC), the University of California, Berkeley, and the University of California, San Diego, to support schools and districts recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. The partnership is conducting a survey about education recovery strategies and challenges utilizing Federal/State Stimulus Funding Resources. The survey responses will help the state to develop policies and programs to support schools and districts in utilizing these funds.

We invite your local educational agency (LEA) to participate in the annual statewide Education Recovery Survey (ERS) which will ask about the following topics:

- Learning acceleration strategies such as extended learning time and small group instruction;
- Social-emotional learning or mental health supports to students;
- Using technology to support teaching and learning;
- Teacher recruitment, retention and professional learning opportunities;
- Family engagement strategies;
- Using test scores or other data to inform decision-making.

Because your participation is vital, we ask that you please complete the [survey](#) so that your LEA can join this important research effort. The survey may require more than one respondent given the scope of topics, so please connect with others in your LEA to complete the survey. If you are not the appropriate person at your LEA to complete this survey, forward this message to the respective staff person to ensure that your LEA is included.

For additional information about the Education Recovery Survey, please refer to the attachment. If you have questions regarding the Education Recovery Survey, please contact Dr. Niu Gao, Project Director, PPIC, by email at recovery@ppic.org.

Sincerely,

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Attachment 1

Education Recovery Survey

Background

The Education Recovery Survey (ERS) was developed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic for policy development purposes. ERS was designed by the Public Policy Institute of California, California Department of Education, the University of California, Berkeley and the University of California, San Diego to provide information for COVID-19 education policy responses. This research effort is supported with funding from the U.S. Department of Education Institute of Education Sciences (grant no. R305X220028). The ERS is an annual survey collection that will be collected each May beginning in May 2023 and end in May 2025. The information will be collected through web-based surveys and no student or classroom time is required to respond. All local educational agencies in California are invited to participate in this survey.

Participation

- The survey will take 20 minutes or less to complete.
- Due to the importance of these data and time commitment, you will be compensated \$25.
- Findings may be shared through an online dashboard within a few months of each survey.
- Your district's responses will be kept confidential and presented as part of aggregate findings that will not allow individual districts to be identified.