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Dear Colorado Educator:

Because of the close connection between teaching conditions and student learning, we are continuing the *TELL Colorado* initiative to find out more about school environments from those who know them best - you and your colleagues. The *TELL Colorado Survey* is an anonymous, web-based survey for educators to voice their perceptions of the teaching and learning conditions in schools. The intent of this work is to provide schools, districts, and the state with data that can be used to enhance school improvement efforts. The survey is called *TELL Colorado*, not just because we want to hear from you, but because the survey is about Teaching, Empowering, Leading, and Learning.

<<School/District Name>>  
Your *Confidential* Access Code #  
<<access code>>

Using your confidential access code, you may complete the survey, from any Internet location from January 31 through February, 28 2011 at **www.tellcolorado.org**.

You and your colleagues will be asked questions about the allocation of your time, facilities and resources; student learning; community engagement; empowerment; school leadership; professional development; and mentoring. The survey will be available online at [www.tellcolorado.org](http://www.tellcolorado.org) for every educator to access starting January 31, 2011 and ending February 28, 2011. You should be able to complete the survey in 20 to 30 minutes.

The survey is completely *voluntary, confidential, and anonymous!* Your access code (listed above) ensures that each educator takes the survey only once and that we correctly identify your school. It can NOT be used to identify you as an individual.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the survey help desk at [helpdesk@tellcolorado.org](mailto:helpdesk@tellcolorado.org) *OR* call toll-free at 1-888-280-7903 Monday through Friday between 7:30 AM and 4:30 PM *OR* access instant help from the website [www.tellcolorado.org](http://www.tellcolorado.org).

The data generated will be provided to each Colorado school for use in improvement planning processes. Individual school results will be available online by the end of June 2011 if enough educators participate -- at least 50% of licensed personnel in the building and at least five respondents. Please encourage your colleagues to participate in the survey. You can track the response rate in your school in real time on the survey website.

Your voice is essential. *TELL Colorado* and we will listen. Thank you for your participation and your ongoing work to support children, families, and communities across this state.

Sincerely,

John Hickenlooper  
Governor of Colorado

Robert Hammond  
Commissioner of Education

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