

# TELL Colorado

Teaching, Empowering,  
Leading & Learning Initiative

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Dear Colorado Educator:

Because of the close connection between teaching conditions and student learning, we are launching a statewide initiative to find out more about school environments from those who know them best: you and your colleagues across Colorado. We are doing this because of the close connection between teaching conditions and student learning. 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 only because we want to hear from you, but because it is about **TELL: Teaching, Empowering, Leading, and Learning**.

The survey will ask you and your colleagues 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 online and ready to access at [tellcolorado.org](http://tellcolorado.org) beginning April 13 and ending May 11, 2009. You should be able to complete the survey in under 30 minutes.

**The TELL Colorado survey is completely voluntary, confidential, and anonymous.** Your access code (in the box at the top of this letter) ensures that you take the survey once and that we correctly identify your school. The access code CANNOT be used to identify you as an individual. If you have questions, please email the TELL Colorado help desk at [helpdesk@tellcolorado.org](mailto:helpdesk@tellcolorado.org).

The data from the survey will be provided to each school to use in its improvement planning process. Individual school results will be available online by the end of June 2009 if enough educators in your school participate: at least 50% of licensed educators and at least five respondents in your school. You can track your school's response rate in real time on the survey website. Please encourage your colleagues to participate in the survey.

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

Sincerely,



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Governor of Colorado



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