Nevada School Staff Working Conditions Survey

BELOW IS A COPY OF ALL SURVEY QUESTIONS IN THE NEVADA WORKING CONDITIONS SURVEY. NOT ALL QUESTIONS WILL GO TO ALL SCHOOL STAFF BASED ON WHAT THE QUESTION IS ASKING AND SKIP LOGIC.

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Welcome to the Nevada School Staff Working Conditions Survey

Thank you for taking the time to complete this statewide survey. Your feedback is valuable to support efforts to improve working conditions and school staff retention.

The Nevada Department of Education (NDE) hired the American Institutes for Research® (AIR®) to collect your feedback so that you can share your voice honestly and with confidence as AIR is legally bound to securely store your data and not share any identifying information with NDE, your district/charter, or your school in any survey data, publications, or presentations.

- Your participation in this survey is completely voluntary. You may decline to take the survey at any time without consequence.
- The survey should take no more than **15 minutes** to complete.
- This survey is confidential. An anonymous survey would not allow AIR to correlate data across staff surveys and make connections between working conditions over time and the reasons staff are leaving Nevada public schools.

If you are a licensed personnel, please note that the survey will ask for your <u>publicly</u> <u>available educator license number</u> so that AIR can correlate data in the state's licensure system with this survey and the Nevada Exit/Transfer Survey.

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What is this survey about?

This survey will ask you questions about the working conditions at your school(s). This is not a test. There are no wrong answers.

Do I have to take the survey?

This survey is voluntary. You do not have to answer any questions you do not want to answer, and you can stop at any time with no penalty. We hope you will do your best to answer as many questions as you can. Please be honest when answering each question.

Who will see my answers?

Only researchers from the American Institutes for Research[®] (AIR[®]) and its research partners will see your responses. AIR will not share any identifying information with your school, district/charter, or the state. AIR will not identify you in any report.

What are the benefits of participating in this survey?

The data from this survey can help school and district/charter administrators identify areas for school improvement to better support staff and nurture positive, healthy, and welcoming work environments. It can also equip district/charter and state policymakers to better advocate for resources and policy changes.

What are the risks of participating in this survey?

There are no risks associated with participating in this survey.

Who should I ask if I have any questions?

If you have questions about this research study you can contact the study's Project Director, Kyosin Kang, at nveducatorsurvey@air.org or 866-261-2295 (option 6). If you have questions about your rights as a research participant, you may contact the Institutional Review Board at AIR at 1-800-634-0797 or IRB@air.org.

If you understand the above information and agree to take this survey, please click "Next." Otherwise, you may stop here.

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Please select your primary role. *Required

We understand that some staff have multiple roles. For the purposes of this survey, please select your **primary role** at Nevada public school(s).

- School Administrator
- O Teacher (general, special education, itinerant)
- O Teacher's Assistant/Aide or Paraprofessional
- Specialized Instructional Support Personnel (counselor, psychologist, social worker, nurse, library media specialist, instructional coach, speech language pathologist)
- Other Support Staff (activities coach, bus driver, custodian, food service, school aide, secretary, IT, etc.)

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Please select your primary Specialized Instructional Support Personnel (SISP) role. *Required

- School Counselor
- Psychologist
- Social Worker
- Nurse
- Librarian/Media Specialist
- Instructional Coach
- Speech Language Pathologist
- O Other, please specify:

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Please select your primary Support Staff role. *Required

0	Activities Coach
0	Bus Driver
0	Custodial Services
0	Food Service Staff
О	Groundskeeper
О	Maintenance Staff
0	Mechanics
О	School Aide
0	School Resource/Safety Officers
0	School Secretary/Clerical
0	Computer Technician/IT
0	Other, please specify:
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Do	you primarily serve as a substitute? *Required
0	No
0	Yes
Are	you a full-time employee (i.e., you receive benefits)? *Required
0	Yes, I am a full-time employee.
0	No, I am a part-time employee.

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What other school-level roles/responsibilities would you like us to know about? (Optional)

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Select Your School Campus(es) *Required

Please select the school campus(es) that you currently serve and for which you would like to answer questions about your working conditions.

If you work in more than one school, you can select up to five schools, but please know that you will answer the same series of questions for each selected school, which will extend your time in the survey.

Important: You will not be able to change your school selection(s) after this page.

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Which grade(s) of students do you serve at this school? Select all that apply. *Required

For example, if you are a teacher, please select the grade(s) you teach. If you are an administrator, please select all grade(s) that your school serves.

O Prekindergarten
O Kindergarten
O 1st
O 2nd
O 3rd
O 4th
O 5th
O 6th
O 7th
O 8th
O 9th
O 10th
O 11th
O 12th
O Other (e.g., 12+, PACE/POST; please specify) [open response]
Adult Education

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This section asks about your school's facilities.

Please select how much you agree with the statements below.

		Do not agree	Slightly agree	Agree	Strongly agree
School Facilities and Resources	This school has clean and well-maintained facilities.	0	0	0	0
	Repairs are made in a timely fashion.	0	0	0	0
	The temperature in my classroom or office is comfortable year-round.	0	0	0	0
	The outdoor lighting system is adequate.	0	0	0	0

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This section asks about instructional resources and support. Please select how much you agree with the statements below.

I have adequate access to...

		Do not agree	Slightly agree	Agree	Strongly agree
Instructional Resources and Support	Appropriate instructional materials to meet my students' needs.	0	0	0	0
	Appropriate Professional Development opportunities provided by this school that help me be more successful in my role.	0	0	0	0
	Appropriate Professional Development opportunities provided by my district (or charter district) that help me be more successful in my role.	O	•	0	•
	Instructional technology, including computers, printers, software, and internet access.	0	0	0	0
	Office equipment and supplies such as copy machines, paper, pens, etc.	0	0	0	0
	Reliable and fast internet connection.	0	0	0	0
	Substitutes.	O	0	0	O

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This section asks about instructional resources and support. Please select how much you agree with the statements below.

When my students need additional support, I have sufficient access to...

		Do not agree	Slightly agree	Agree	Strongly agree	l don't know
Instructional	Tutors	0	О	О	0	0
Resources and Support	SPED personnel	0	0	O	0	0
Cont.	Interventionists	0	O	O	0	0
	Paraprofessionals	0	O	0	0	0
	School counselors	О	0	0	0	0
	Social workers	0	O	O	0	0
	Mental health professionals	0	0	0	О	0
	Nurses	O	O	O	0	0

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This next section asks about how much opportunity you have to participate in school-level activities.

Having the opportunity is separate from doing or acting on the opportunity.

How much opportunity do you have to...

		Do not have any opportunity	Have little opportu- nity	Have a moderate amount of opportu- nity	Have a lot of opportu- nity	l don't know
Staff Autonomy	Provide input on instructional materials and/or resources this school purchases.	0	0	0	0	О

	Do not have any opportu- nity	Have little opportu- nity	Have a moderate amount of opportunity	Have a lot of opportu- nity	l don't know
Choose instructional strategies for my students.	0	0	0	0	О
Provide input on what Professional Development programming this school offers.	0	0	0	0	0
Select which formative assessments I use with my students.	0	0	0	0	О
Select behavioral management strategies used with my students.	0	0	0	0	0
Provide input on our schoolwide behavior management plan.	0	0	О	0	О
Provide input on how the school budget will be spent.	0	0	0	0	О
Provide input on the School Improvement Plan.	0	0	0	0	О
Provide input on hiring new educators at this school.	0	0	0	0	О

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The next set of questions asks about your participation in leadership activities at your school and about your perceptions of school leadership and climate.

Please select how much you agree with the statements below.

		Do not agree	Slightly agree	Agree	Strongly agree	l don't know
Staff Leadership	I am trusted to fulfill my job responsibilities.	0	0	0	0	0
	I am encouraged to participate in school leadership roles.	0	0	0	Ο	Ο
	I have meaningful involvement in the decision making at this school.	0	0	0	0	Ο

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Please select how much you agree with the statements below.

		Do not agree	Slightly agree	Agree	Strongly agree	I don't know
School Leadership/ Climate Supports	School administrator(s) consistently support(s) me as needed.	0	0	0	0	0
	I feel comfortable raising concerns that are important to me to school administrator(s).	О	О	0	0	0
	There is a schoolwide shared vision.	0	0	0	O	0
	Expectations for student conduct are fairly addressed at this school.	0	0	0	0	0
	I trust my colleagues at this school.	0	0	0	O	0
	There are sufficient mental health supports for staff at this school.	0	0	0	0	0

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How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements about this school?

		Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
Nevada School Climate/SEL Staff	I feel like I belong.	0	0	0	0
Survey (Emotional Safety)	I feel satisfied with the recognition I get for doing a good job.	0	0	О	0
	I feel comfortable discussing feelings, worries, and frustrations with my supervisor.	0	0	0	0
	This school inspires me to do the very best at my job.	0	0	0	О
	People at this school care about me as a person.	О	О	0	О
	I can manage almost any student behavior problem.	О	0	0	О
	I feel safe in this school.	О	О	0	0

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How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements about this school?

The following types of problems occur at this school often:

		Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
Nevada School	Physical conflicts among students	0	O	0	O
Climate/ SEL Staff	Robbery or theft	0	0	0	0

Survey (Physical	Vandalism	0	O	O	0
Safety)	Student possession of weapons	0	0	0	О
	Sexual assault or dating violence	0	O	0	0
	Physical abuse of teachers	0	0	O	0
	Student verbal abuse of teachers	0	О	0	О

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This section asks about your school's family/caregiver support and involvement.

Please select how much you agree with the statements below.

		Do not agree	Slightly agree	Agree	Strongly agree	l don't know
Family Support and Involvement	This school maintains clear, two-way communication with families/ caregivers.	0	0	0	0	0
	This school does a good job of encouraging family/caregiver involvement in their child's education.	0	0	0	0	0
	At this school, families/ caregivers have meaningful involvement in the decision-making.	0	О	O	0	0
	I feel supported by the families/ caregivers of my students.	Ο	0	О	Ο	0

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Please select how much you agree with the statements below.

		Do not agree	Slightly agree	Agree	Strongly agree	l don't know
Bias	Leadership at this school (e.g., school administrators, grade/department leads, etc.) displays preferential treatment amongst staff members.	0	0	0	0	0
	Adults at this school treat all students equitably.	0	0	O	O	0
	I've experienced bias from adults at this school based on my identity.	0	0	О	0	0
	I've experienced bias from students, families, or caregivers based on my identity.	0	0	0	0	0

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Which aspect(s) of your identity do you feel was/were not fully accepted by **adults at your school?** Select all that apply.

- Age
- Country of origin/culture
- Dialect
- Disability/ability
- Gender/gender identity
- Language of origin
- Race/ethnicity
- Religion
- Sexual orientation
- Size
- Other (please specify):
- Prefer not to answer

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Which aspect(s) of your identity do you feel was/were not fully accepted by **students**, **families**, **or caregivers**? Select all that apply.

- Age
- Country of origin/culture
- Dialect
- Disability/ability
- Gender/gender identity
- Language of origin
- Race/ethnicity
- Religion
- Sexual orientation
- Size
- Other (please specify):
- Prefer not to answer

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This section asks about your workload.

Please select how much you agree with the statements below.

		Do not agree	Slightly agree	Agree	Strongly agree
Work Load	Class sizes are reasonable such that educators have the time available to meet the needs of all students.	0	0	0	0
	I can focus on educating/serving my students with minimal interruptions from adults.	0	0	0	0
	I feel protected from other duties that interfere with my essential role of educating/serving students (e.g., subbing, translating, attending meetings/events).	0	0	0	0
	The prep time provided for educators at this school is adequate.	0	0	0	0
	I have time for meaningful collaboration with colleagues.	0	0	0	0

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During the school year, how often do you feel...

		Not at all / A little of the time	Some of the time	Good part of the time	Most of the time
Burnout	Burnt out?	0	0	0	0
	Tense, restless, or anxious at work?	О	О	O	O
	Unable to make it until you retire?	0	О	O	O

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This section asks about your perceptions of the district/charter leadership and district/charter supports.

Please select how much you agree with the statements below.

		Do not agree	Slightly agree	Agree	Strongly agree	I don't know
District/ Charter Leadership	The district/charter leadership supports me as needed.	0	0	0	0	0
Supports	I am trusted to make sound professional decisions relevant to my role.	0	О	0	0	0
	I feel comfortable raising issues that are important to me to my district/charter leadership.	0	0	0	0	0
	In my district (or charter district), there are sufficient mental health supports for staff in my district (or charter district).	0	0	0	0	О
	District/charter offices provide valuable information that supports my work.	О	О	О	0	0
	I know how to find information from my district (or charter district) when I need it.	0	О	0	0	О
	My district (or charter district) adequately supports school staff when implementing new initiatives.	0	0	0	0	0
	In my district (or charter district), staff views are adequately considered in major districtwide decisions.	0	О	О	0	0

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These next two questions ask about your paid and non-paid work hours in a *typical week*.

Paid Hours: How many hours are you contracted (including additional pay for clubs/activities) to work during a <i>typical week</i> ?
Enter HOURS to the nearest whole number.
paid hours
Non-Paid Hours: How many hours do you spend on non-paid school-related activities during the school week and weekend in a <i>typical week</i> ?
Enter HOURS to the nearest whole number.
non-paid hours

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This section asks about your salary and benefits. Please select how satisfied you are with the following statements.

Given your role and responsibilities, how satisfied are you with your...

		Not at all satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Mostly satisfied	Very satisfied	Not applicable
Salary and	Total hours you work per week?	0	0	0	0	О
Benefits	Employer-provided retirement benefits?	О	O	0	O	О
	Employer-provided health benefits?	0	0	0	0	О
	Hourly pay/salary?	0	0	0	0	0

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What is your base salary for the entire school year? (Optional)

Enter AMOUNT to	the nearest whole number.
\$	(Base Salary)

Assuming your role and responsibilities remain the same, how much would your base salary have to be for you to be satisfied with it? (Optional)

Enter AMOUNT to the nea	rest whole number.
\$ (Satisfac	tory Salary)

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What is your Nevada Educator License Number? *Required

To look up your license number, please visit https://online.nvdoe.org/#/VerifyLicense. The Working Conditions Survey asks educators to provide their Nevada educator license number so that third-party researchers like AIR can correlate the data from the Nevada School Working Conditions Survey with the Nevada Staff Exit/Transfer Survey data. The license number and personal information will remain confidential. No names, license numbers, or other personally identifying information will be included in any survey data, publications, or presentations shared with districts or charter districts, schools, and the state.

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How many years have you been in your current position?

year(s) in current position

Total Years in Current Position: Excluding time spent on long-term leave or sabbatical, how many school years, either full-time or part-time, have you been in your current position?
School years include the current school year. Report years to the nearest whole year,

How many total years have you been employed in the *school district* or *charter district*?

Total Years at School District: Excluding time spent on long-term leave or

sabbatical, how many school years have you worked, either full-time or part-time, in the school district or charter district you are working in?
School years include the current school year. Report years to the nearest whole year, not fractions or months.
year(s) in district or charter district
Overall, how many total years of experience do you have in education? *Required
Total Years of Experience: Excluding time spent on long-term leave or sabbatical, how many school years have you worked, either full-time or part-time, within a preK–12+ public or private school system?
School years include the current school year. Report years to the nearest whole year, not fractions or months.
year(s) in education
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How would you classify your position?
If you have more than one role in your position, please describe your primary role.
O General education
O Special education, self-contained setting
O Special education, push-in/pull-out or collaborative team-teaching model
O Itinerant teacher (teach in more than one school) O Other (please specify):

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What is your area(s) of assignment? Select all that apply.

O Elementary; all subjects
O English/language arts/reading
O English as a second language
O Career and technical education
O Gifted education
O Health, physical education, and/or driver education
O History and/or social studies
O Library/media
O Mathematics
O Science
O Special education
O Visual and/or performing arts
O World languages
O Other (please specify):

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What was your route to initial teacher licensure in Nevada?

An alternative route to a licensure program is a program offered by an approved provider that was designed to expedite the transition of nonteachers to a teaching career.

- O Nevada college or university traditional teacher preparation program
- O Nevada alternative route, accelerated/provisional license
- O Out-of-state college or university traditional teacher preparation program
- O Reciprocity from another state or country (i.e., entered with a current, valid license from another state or country)
- Business and Industry
- O Other (please specify) [open response]

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During your teacher preparation program, how long did your clinical experience/practicum last?

О	4 weeks or less
0	5–7 weeks
О	8–11 weeks
О	12–17 weeks
0	18 weeks or more

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Did you complete your clinical experience/practicum while employed as school support staff?

O Yes			
O No			

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	How well prepared did you feel when you began your first year as a teacher?			
	 Not well Somewhat well Well Very well 			
	[Page 36] In your FIRST year as a teacher, did you participate in a FORMAL schoolwide or districtwide induction program?			
	O Yes O No			
[Page 37] Overall, to what extent did the induction programming improve your job performance in your first year as a teacher?				
	 Not at all To a small extent To a moderate extent To a large extent 			

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In my FIRST year as a teacher, I received the following kinds of supports:

	Yes	No
Formally assigned a mentor	0	0
Seminars specifically designed for people new to my position	0	О
Reduced workload	0	0
Release time to observe other educators in my position	0	0
Orientation for people new to my position	0	0
Access to professional learning communities	0	0
Regular communication with my supervisor	0	0
Other supports you received (if yes, please specify):	0	0

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Overall, to what extent did your assigned mentor improve your job performance in your first year as a teacher?

- O Not at all
- O To a small extent
- O To a moderate extent
- O To a large extent

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On average, how often did you engage in each of the following activities with your mentor?

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Not applicable
Developing lesson plans	0	0	0	0	0
Being observed	0	\circ	0	\circ	0
Analyzing student work	0	0	0	0	0
Reviewing results of students' assessments	O	0	0	0	0
Addressing student behavioral issues	O	0	0	О	0
Reflecting on my job performance	O	0	0	0	0
Other activities you engaged in with a mentor (if applicable, please specify):	0	0	0	0	0

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The Nevada Department of Education requests demographic information to inform our ongoing commitment to promote diversity, equity, inclusion, and representation across all our work. This information supports our capacity to equitably implement policies and programs, interpret data in meaningful ways, create an inclusive and culturally responsive educational ecosystem, and serve the diverse needs of our communities.

Your responses to the demographic questions are optional; if you decline to respond, you may choose "prefer not to answer." Responses will remain confidential; AIR and NDE will release only aggregated information with at least 10 respondents per group.

NDE will release only aggregated information with at least 10 respondents per group.
What is your gender identity?
O Female
O Male
O Nonbinary or nonconforming
O Prefer to self-identify:
O Prefer not to answer
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What is your age?
Please round to the nearest whole year.
years
[Page 43] Are you a veteran or a military dependent?
O Yes
O No
O Prefer not to answer

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Please select all race/ethnicity options that reflect the way you identify:

0	African American/Black
0	Alaska Native
0	Asian
0	Caucasian/White
0	Hispanic/Latino/a
0	Middle Eastern/Northern African
0	Native American/American Indian
0	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
0	Prefer to self-identify:
0	Prefer not to answer

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If you identify as a Native American or American Indian, you also may select your heritage tribe. Select all that apply.

O Washoe	
O Northern Paiute	
O Southern Paiute	
O Western Shoshone	
Prefer to self-identify:	
O None of the above	

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Please select your highest degree attained.

- High school diploma/GED
- Associate's or 2-year college degree
- O Bachelor's or 4-year college degree
- Master's degree
- O Master's degree +16
- O Master's degree +32
- Doctoral degree
- O Other (please specify)
- Prefer not to answer

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Is there anything else this survey should've asked you about?

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Focus Group Sign-Up

AIR is conducting focus group interviews to receive feedback on the Nevada School Working Conditions Survey. AIR will select from a representative group of educators and classified staff who provide their contact information below and will invite them to participate in a focus group.

By providing your contact information below, you are giving AIR permission to contact you. You will not be identified in any reports, and your individual responses will never be shared with anyone outside of the AIR research team.

First Name: (staff_firstname)

Last Name: (staff_lastname)

Email: (staff_email)

Phone Number: (staff_phone)

Phone Extension: (staff phone ext)

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Stay Informed

If you would like to receive updates about the Working Condition Survey from the AIR research team, please provide an email address below.

Email:							
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Thank you for your time in providing this valuable information. If you have any questions or feedback on the survey, please contact the AIR research team at nveducatorsurvey@air.org or 866-261-2295, option 6.