

Dear Riverdale Heights Parents and/or Guardians:

The past 3 years I have served on a design team for family-school partnerships with representatives from the Iowa Department of Education, ASK Resource Center, along with parents. The goal of this design team is to develop structures within our schools which allow for effective family-school partnerships, and I have been asked to share out a survey containing questions that will assist us in that work.

Please consider participating in the survey.

Thanks for your time.

Jennifer Gertson – Principal – Riverdale Heights Elementary School

Dear Teachers and Family Members at Riverdale Heights Elementary School:

My name is Kathleen Kyzar and I am a research consultant working with family engagement leaders at the Iowa Department of Education and the ASK Resource Center. I am also an education professor at Texas Christian University (TCU).

I am conducting a research study on family and teacher collaboration. The results will be used to improve family and school partnerships in Iowa.

I'm writing to see if you will take about 20 minutes to complete a survey for this research project. Participation is completely voluntary and your answers will be anonymous.

If you are interested click on the link to access the survey and additional information:

https://tcu.co1qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3WZQRuekbq4CaNL

Risks include loss of confidentiality and some questions on the survey ask you to share personal information. To minimize these risks, the information you provide is anonymous and collected using a secure server. A school code will be linked with your data, but the identifying information for that code will be kept separate from the data. Finally, you can skip any questions you don't want to answer or stop the survey entirely.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Kathleen Kyzar at 817-257-6079 or k.kyzar@tcu.edu.

Thank you for your time,

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