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Title of Project: Free Appropriate Public Education: Identifying the Basic Components

Request to Participate in Research

We would like to invite you to participate in a web-based online survey. The survey is part of a research study whose purpose is to identify the basic components of a free appropriate public education and use the identified components to construct a clear and practical definition. The definition will be constructed in language that is shared and understood by both parents of students with disabilities and all school district staff. This survey should take about 10 minutes to complete.

We are asking you to participate in this study because you are currently involved with the special education system at a K-12 Michigan public school. **You must be at least 18 years old to take this survey.**

The decision to participate in this research project is voluntary. You do not have to participate and you can refuse to answer any question. Even if you begin the web-based online survey, you can stop at any time.

There are no foreseeable risks or discomfort to you for taking part in this study.

There are no direct benefits to you from participating in this study. However, your responses may help us learn more about a free appropriate public education and how to improve the special education system and the delivery of services to students with disabilities.

Your part in this study is anonymous to the researcher(s). However, because of the nature of web based surveys, it is possible that respondents could be identified by the IP address or other electronic record associated with the response. **Neither the researcher nor anyone involved with this survey will be capturing those data. Any reports or publications based on this research will use only group data and will not identify you or any individual as being affiliated with this project.**

If you have any questions regarding electronic privacy, please feel free to contact Mark Nardone, NU's Director of Information Security via phone at 617-373-7901, or via email at privacy@neu.edu.

If you have any questions about this study, please feel free to contact **Sheryl Diamond**, the person mainly responsible for the research, at 517-574-0966 or diamond.sh@husky.neu.edu. You can also contact Dr. Gail Matthews-DeNatale at g.matthews-denatale@neu.edu, the Principal Investigator.

If you have any questions about your rights in this research, you may contact Nan C. Regina, Director, Human Subject Research Protection, 490 Renaissance Park, Northeastern University, Boston, MA 02115. Tel: 617.373.4588, Email: n.regina@neu.edu. You may call anonymously if you wish.

By clicking on the survey link below you are indicating that you consent to participate in this study. Please print out a copy of this consent form for your records.

https://neu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4U8xPsQrhKYsbmB

Thank you for your time.

Sheryl Diamond