

Email Recruitment Template for District Partners

Subject: Request | Research Study to Support Black and Latino Student Math Engagement

Email Body:

Dear **INSERT NAME**,

PERSONAL GREETING! My name is **INSERT NAME**, and I am a **INSERT POSITION** at **INSERT ORGANIZATION**. We are currently seeking funding from the National Science Foundation to conduct a research study that examines Black and Latino youth engagement in math classes. The purpose of the study is two-fold: (1) understand Black and Latino student's lived experiences and engagement in math and (2) adapt/refine an existing measure of student engagement to better capture Black and Latino student's experiences.

We are interested in collaborating with your middle and high schools to conduct the research study. At the end of the project, collaborating schools will have: (a) a refined, more culturally responsive measure to understand their students' math engagement, (b) data on how their students' math engagement supports students' academic and socio-emotional outcomes, and (c) action planning for how to better support the math engagement of Black and Latino student in their school.

Further, this research project will have a broader impact across the United States by advancing our understanding of (a) math engagement, which is missing important racial-cultural nuances, and (b) why educational systems often struggle to recruit and retain diverse talents.

I also want to mention that we take collaboration with schools, teachers, and students very seriously, and we will provide financial support for schools, teachers, and students who participate. I won't go into much more detail about the project at this point.

What is your initial interest and reactions to this idea? If the project is funded, would your school be interested in participating? Please let us know by Friday, August 6. The project would start in School Year 2022-2023.

Thank you very much in advance for considering our research idea, and we look forward to hearing back from you.

INSERT NAME

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Learn more about the Adapted Measure of Math Engagement at <https://www.childtrends.org/project/adapted-measure-of-math-engagement>.