

State Board of Education Interview

Interviewee _____ State _____

Interviewer _____ Date _____

Begin interview by introducing yourself and making a positive comment about the visits you have made within the state.

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me. The information you share will provide insight into how mathematics/science is being taught in schools throughout the country. This research is sponsored by the National Science Foundation and is being conducted through the University of Minnesota. Your responses to the questions will remain confidential. The interview will take approximately 20 minutes. Do you have any questions?

Question

1. Why do you think the students in *state* achieve the way they do in mathematics and science?

2. Please describe the relationship between the *state* Board of Education and the schools.

3. How do policies in *state* affect education? Do they have a positive or negative influence?
eg. teacher licensing, testing, etc.

4. How are districts held accountable for educating their students?

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The following two questions are for Montana and Louisiana only

5. Have you heard of *the State Systemic Initiative for this state?*

6. Are you aware of any of the effects of the State Systemic Initiative in *state?*

Thank you for taking the time to talk with me.