Why you should take the 2018 Tennessee Educator Survey

What is the Tennessee Educator Survey?
The Tennessee Educator Survey (TES) is an annual joint effort by the Tennessee Department of Education and the Tennessee Education Research Alliance to gather information about Tennessee schools.

Why Should I Take the Survey?
The Tennessee Educator Survey is a way for educators to provide feedback about what's working and where improvements can be made in areas like school climate, educator evaluation, state initiatives, and more. The survey provides actionable data that can play an important role in state, district, and school decisions. Information collected from the survey plays an essential role in department strategy and goal-setting, and is a tool for schools and districts to inform their practice.

In the past, schools and districts have used the TES results to foster action in schools including:
- adjustments in the time allotted for teacher collaboration
- strategic planning conversations between principals and district leaders using same-year survey data
- focused conversations between principals and teachers about issues highlighted in their buildings
- informing the creation of unit starters and text sets made available by the Read to be Ready Coaching Network

Who Takes the Survey?
The survey is open to all teachers, administrators, and certified staff that are listed in the TN Compass and Tennessee Education Information System databases. In 2017, more than 38,000 Tennessee educators completed the TES.

How Does It Work?
During the week of March 6th, every educator will be sent a personalized email invitation. Educators who have yet to complete the survey will receive weekly reminders through the close of the survey window.

What Happens with the Data?
By the end of May, aggregate survey results are shared with districts and schools that meet or exceed a 45 percent response rate threshold. Survey data are then shared publicly on the TES website for districts and schools that met or exceeded the threshold in early August. Survey responses directly inform state research and decision-making processes.

We appreciate your support in our continued efforts to improve schools for Tennessee’s nearly one million students.

For more information about the survey, please visit [https://www.tn.gov/education/data/educator-survey.html](https://www.tn.gov/education/data/educator-survey.html)
For any questions regarding this year’s survey, please reach out to [tned.research.alliance@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:tned.research.alliance@vanderbilt.edu)