



# Future of Agriculture Curriculum for Teaching Sustainability

Dear Administrator,

You are being asked to participate in a case study research project. The larger *Future of Agriculture Curriculum for Teaching Sustainability* Project aims to improve teaching with research-based teaching materials and assessments, professional development, and professional support networks. We aim to better understand teachers' implementation of research-based teaching strategies, particularly those related to learning progressions, so that we can offer recommendations to improve teacher professional development and to better support student learning.

If you decide to participate, we may ask to interview you during the 2019-2020 academic year. The interview will last about 30 minutes and will be digitally recorded. We will ask questions about your school's priorities, its structure, the kinds of instructional support available to teachers, the kinds of professional development opportunities provided to them, and connections across the school, students' parents, and local community.

Risks involved with participating in this project are minimal. To help minimize discomfort from the interview, it will be scheduled at a time most convenient to you.

Our research results will be reported to the funding agency, the National Science Foundation, and in scholarly publications and presentations. We will assign you and the teachers and school(s) you work with pseudonyms. Identifiable information about you will not be used in any reports, presentations, or publications without your consent. .

You may refuse to participate in this study. You may change your mind about being in the study and quit after the study has started.

If you have concerns or questions about this study, such as scientific issues, how to do any part of it, or to report an injury (i.e. physical, psychological, social, financial, or otherwise), please contact Craig Kohn, 620 Farm Lane, Rm 313, East Lansing, MI 48824, [kohncrai@msu.edu](mailto:kohncrai@msu.edu), or Dr. Charles W. (Andy) Anderson, 319A Erickson Hall, Michigan State University, East Lansing MI 48824, (517) 432-4648, [andya@msu.edu](mailto:andya@msu.edu).

Participation in research is voluntary. Your signature below will indicate that you have decided to participate in this research.

Signature of Administrator: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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