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Consent Form for Principals  

Title: Delaware Teaching American History (TAH) Freedom Project  

Invitation to Participate: You are being asked to participate in this research study because of your participation in the Delaware Teaching American History (TAH) Freedom Project grant.  

Purpose: This study evaluates the impact of the Freedom Project on student and teacher knowledge of history, curriculum and instruction in history classes, and implementation of the Freedom Project program. We aim to increase knowledge about the impact of the Freedom Project in increasing student achievement and instructional practices.  

Procedures: All participation procedures are outlined in the Evaluation Memorandum of Agreement.  

Risks and Benefits: Participation in this research study presents little or no risks. The project may yield findings about teaching American history that may improve student outcomes and assist the USDOE in developing improved grant programs.  

Confidentiality: The investigators will hold all information collected in this study strictly confidential, except as may be required by court order or law. Authorized representatives of the Rutgers University Institutional Review Board (IRB), a committee charged with protecting the rights and welfare of research subjects, may be provided access to research records that identify you by name. If any publication or presentations result from this research, you will not be identified by name.  

Disclaimer/Withdrawal: You agree that your participation in this study is completely voluntary and that you may withdraw at any time without prejudicing any relationship you may have with Rutgers University. Whether or not you participate in this research study will have no effect on your employment status in your school.  

Subject Rights: If you wish further information regarding your rights as a research subject, you may contact the Sponsored Programs Administrator at the Rutgers University Office of Research and Sponsored Programs at (732) 932-0150. You have been given the opportunity to ask questions and have had them answered to your satisfaction.  

Conclusion: You have read and understand the consent form. You agree to participate in this research study. Upon signing below, you will receive a copy of the consent form. If you have any questions regarding this research study, please contact Klonda Speer at 732-564-9100.

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