

*Aligning Student Passions with Regional Education Services*

## Research Participant Information

Your child is being asked to participate in a research study. Researchers are required to inform you about the research study, to convey that participation is voluntary, to explain risks and benefits of participation, and to empower you to make an informed decision about whether or not you want your child to participate. Your child will also be asked to assent to the study prior to participation. You should feel free to ask the researchers any questions you may have.

**Study Title:** ASPiRES Phase II - Aligning Student Passions with Regional Educational Services

### I. Researchers:

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### II. Purpose of Research

Your child is being invited to participate in a research study. The purpose of this study is to understand how teachers can support students' career exploration and planning. This study is taking place in Michigan school districts in partnership with Michigan State University (MSU). Your child is being asked to participate in the study because they are in an eligible grade level and have completed career development activities in the past.

### III. What You Will Do

If you agree that your child can volunteer to participate in this study, your child will take an online survey during class time with the support of their teacher. Answering the survey questions is voluntary, and students will not be required to answer any question they do not want to answer.

### IV. Potential Benefits

This project is beneficial in that it allows for students' voices and experiences to potentially impact the career development work school staff provide in the classroom. Your child may feel good about sharing the results of their career planning experiences knowing that it could help improve the way career planning is conducted within Ingham ISD's service region.

### V. Potential Risks

There are risks involved in all research studies. This study includes only minimal risks. These may include concerns about the confidentiality of data released to the team for research purposes. We have practices in place to protect your confidentiality.

## **VI. Privacy and Confidentiality**

All information gathered in this study will be kept completely confidential. Your child's name will be taken off all collected material and be replaced with a random number. Only approved Ingham ISD staff will see identified information collected for the research study. When researchers talk or write about the project, they will use fake names for your child and their school.

Information will be stored on a secure electronic network and only members of the research team will have access to it. Any paper files will be kept in a locked space at MSU. The files will be destroyed after the study is over.

## **VII. Your Right to Participate, Say No, or Withdraw**

Your child's participation in this study is voluntary. You may refuse to give permission for your child to participate in this study or in any part of this study. Your child may be withdrawn at any time without prejudice to your relations with MSU or your school district. You are encouraged to ask questions about this study at the beginning or any time during the research study.

## **VIII. Costs and Compensation for Being in the Study**

There is no financial cost to you to participate in this study. Releasing your data to be used for research will not take any of your time.

## **IX. Contact Information**

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, please contact the researchers via email ([aspires@inghamisd.org](mailto:aspires@inghamisd.org)) or phone (517.244.4523).

If you have questions or concerns about your role and rights as a research participant, would like to obtain information or offer input, or would like to register a complaint about this study, you may contact, anonymously if you wish, the Michigan State University's Human Research Protection Program via phone (517.355.2180), fax (517-432-4503), e-mail ([irb@msu.edu](mailto:irb@msu.edu)), or regular mail (4000 Collins Rd, Suite 136, Lansing, MI 48910).