**INFORMED CONSENT STATEMENT:** Making the Master Teacher: How to Make Data-Driven decisions

**INTRODUCTION**

The College of Education supports the practice of protection for human subjects participating in research. The following information is provided to help you decide whether you wish to participate in the present study. You retain the right to refuse to sign this form and not participate in this study. You should be aware that even if you consent to participate in this study, you may withdraw from this study at any time without consequence. If you choose to withdraw from this study, it will not affect your relationship with this department, your school/program, or professor/instructor.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of the study is to explore the initial preconceived notions that intro to education students may have about educational data and how it can impact their instructional decision making. Your participation in this study is voluntary and not required for any portion of your course grade or program completion. There is no extra credit, nor benefit to your grade in the class.

**PROCEDURES**

You will be asked to attend an hour initial training in how to use the data collection form for this study; complete a checklist of instructional strategies while completing your field placement hours, quantify the number of strategies you observe, answer open-ended question regarding your quantified findings, then potentially participate in an hour long focus groups. Total time for participation will be between 2-3hours over the course of the entire semester.

**RISKS**

There are no anticipated risks in completing this survey.

**BENEFITS & COMPENSATION**

There are no individual benefits for survey participants. There is no financial compensation, but consenting participants will be provided pizza or snack at participants’ recruitment meetings.

**PARTICIPANT CONFIDENTIALITY**

Student participants will be contacted directly by the researcher. Data collected will be done so anonymously. Any documents collected will be destroyed once data has been coded and entered into an electronic format. Focus groups will also be anonymous, and transcribed to maintain anonymity of the opinions of participants.

**REFUSAL TO SIGN CONSENT**

You are not required to sign this Consent form and you may refuse to do so without affecting your right to participate in any programs or events at NAME OF SCHOOL HERE or any services you are receiving.

**CANCELLING THIS CONSENT**

You may withdraw your consent to participate in this study at any time. If you choose to withdraw from the study before data collection is completed, any collected data will be destroyed and not used. You may contact the researcher Dr. Erin Lynch for further questions or to withdraw from the study at [elynch14@tnstate.edu](mailto:elynch14@tnstate.edu).

**CONSENT:** Completing the consent form is required to further participate in the study.

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By my signature I affirm that I am at least 18 years old and a student at NAME OF SCHOOL HERE.

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Print Participant’s Name Date Participant’s Signature Date

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