

Creighton University Research Informed Consent

Protocol Title:

The Influence of Authentic Leadership in Creating Conditions for Optimal Learning:

A Hermeneutic Phenomenological Study

Principal Investigator: Timothy R. Miller

Study Summary

This interview seeks to understand the manner in which authentic leadership influences the conditions for establishing environments of optimal learning within the public schooling structure of elementary schools.

Participation:

- Taking part in this research study is voluntary.
 - *You may decline to engage in this study or conclude your involvement at any point in the research.*
- If you decide not to be in this study, your choice will have no adverse effect, as there is no penalty for opting out of this collaborative endeavor.

If you agree to participate in this study:

- Submission of one anecdotal prompt is required prior to engaging in an interview.
 - *Response length and time expended are to be determined by the participant.*
- Participation in one interview is required.
 - *The interview will take approximately one hour and will be held at a time and location determined by the participant.*
- *Participation in one focus group is required.*

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Risks of Participating in the Study

- Participating in this study will offer no more risk than that encountered daily.
- A possible risk in this study is the potential social and psychological risks associated with the accidental disclosure of confidential information from the data collected throughout the study. Methods of storing and securing data are designed to minimize this risk.

Confidentiality

Throughout each phase of this research, all efforts will be made to ensure anonymity and confidentiality. While I am unable to offer guarantees, I can assure you that the data collected will be maintained and stored in a password-protected file. In addition, all identifiers will be removed from the data, and pseudonyms will be used in the narrative that emerges.

- *In rare circumstances, a need to report certain information to agencies as required by law may arise.*
- If you have questions or concerns about this study, please contact **Timothy R. Miller** at **timmiller@creighton.edu**. If you have questions about research participants' rights, contact the Creighton University Institutional Review Board (CU IRB) at 402-280-2126.

SIGNATURE CLAUSE

You are free to refuse to participate in this research project or to withdraw your consent and discontinue participation in the project at any time without penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled.

My signature below indicates that all my questions have been answered. I agree to participate in the project as described above.

Printed Name

Signature

Date Signed

- A copy of this signed form has been given to me. _____ (*Participant's Initials*)

For the Research Investigator—I have discussed the individual rights, associated risks, procedures, and protections embedded in this study with the above signatory; I believe he/she understands the contents of the consent document and is competent to give legally effective and informed consent.

Signature of Responsible Investigator

Date Signed