

## **Consent form for questionnaire**

You are invited to be in a school librarian research study of social media use for professional development. You were selected as a possible participant because you are a member of the Florida Association of Media in Education (FAME). Please read this form and ask questions before agreeing to be in the study.

The study is being conducted by Michelle Cates, Educational Psychology and Learning Systems, Florida State University and fellow FAME member.

### **Background**

The purpose of this study is to determine which social media we use for professional learning and why. Whether you use social media professionally or not, your response matters.

### **Procedures**

If you agree to this study, you will be asked to complete a survey. The survey should take 15-30 minutes to complete. You can save your responses and reenter the survey at the same location up to 1 week.

### **Risks and benefits of being in the study**

Risks: There are no risks associated with this survey.

Benefits: The results may strengthen our school librarian community and may guide individuals in improving their personal learning networks (PLNs).

### **Confidentiality**

The records of this study will be kept private and confidential to the extent permitted by law. I will not publish or present any information that could identify a participant. FAME will not have access to your individual survey responses.

### **Voluntary Nature of the Study**

Participation in this study is voluntary. Your decision whether or not to participate will not affect your current or future relations with FAME. If you decide to participate, you are free to not answer any question and may withdraw at any time.

### **Contacts and Questions**

The researcher conducting this study is Michelle Cates. Please contact her with questions now or in the future at 561-254-9717, [mlc14j@my.fsu.edu](mailto:mlc14j@my.fsu.edu). Or you may contact Michelle's advisor, Vanessa Dennen at 850-644-8783, [vdennen@admin.fsu.edu](mailto:vdennen@admin.fsu.edu). Mail correspondence may be sent to Stone Building 3205H, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida 32306-4453 to the attention of Dr. Dennen.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this study and would like to talk to someone other than the researcher, you are encouraged to contact the FSU IRB at 2010 Levy Street, Research Building B, Suite 276, Tallahassee, FL 32306-2742, or 850-644-8633, or by email [humansubjects@fsu.edu](mailto:humansubjects@fsu.edu).

A copy of this information is included in the e-mail invitation you received.

**Statement of Consent**

I have read the above information. I consent to participate in the study.

(Clicking “yes” indicates your consent, and you will be directed to the survey).