

APPENDIX D

STATEMENT OF INFORMED CONSENT

PURPOSE OF THIS STUDY

The purpose of this study is to conduct usability testing virtually to improve and expand the NCSES data tools providing access to STEM data via web-based tools. Your participation in this study will help NCSES make the tools easier to use and help us develop a roadmap for improving the tools and overall experience.

- ☐ The researcher has explained the purpose of the research to me.
- ☐ I have had an opportunity to ask questions about the study.

FREEDOM TO WITHDRAW

Your participation in this study is voluntary.

- You can refuse to take part at any time.
- You can take a break at any time.
- You can ask questions at any time.

- ☐ I understand that I can leave at any time without giving a reason.

INFORMATION WE WILL COLLECT

We will ask you to show us how you use the NCSES data tools. We will watch how you do various tasks and we will ask you some questions. People on the design team may view the sessions. We will also record the session and we will take notes to record your comments and actions that can be included in the final report.

- ☐ I understand that people on the design team may be observing me during the research.
- ☐ I understand that my voice, face and computer screen will be video recorded.

PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY

The design team may watch the recording of your session so they can improve the NCSES data tools. No-one else will see the recordings. We may publish research reports that include your comments. The data used in these reports will be anonymous. This means you will not be identifiable, and your comments will be confidential.

- ☐ I understand that people on the design team may view the recording in the future.
- ☐ I understand that my comments are confidential.

YOUR AGREEMENT

To take part in the research, please sign this form showing that you consent to us collecting these data.

Your name:

Date:

Signature: