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## **TELL KENTUCKY SURVEY EXTENDED**

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – School-based educators have a little more time to complete the Teaching, Empowering, Leading and Learning (TELL) Kentucky Survey. The survey had been scheduled to close at midnight, but now has been extended through Monday, April 6 at midnight.

“We had many requests to extend the response time due to inclement weather that closed numerous schools during the first week of the survey,” said Commissioner Terry Holliday. “We want to be sure that every educator has the opportunity to take part in this survey, to have their voices heard and to influence decisions on improving our schools.”

The TELL Kentucky Survey is designed to find out about a number of school topics -- including the adequacy of facilities and resources; time; empowerment; school leadership; community support; student conduct; professional development; mentoring and induction services; and student learning – from those on the front line of teaching and learning every day. The web-based survey is voluntary, anonymous and confidential.

As of mid-day March 31, more than 43,000 educators – almost 87 percent of eligible Kentucky educators had completed the survey. Kentucky has set a goal of 90 percent for response on the 2015 TELL survey, which would exceed participation numbers set on the previous two surveys. Current school and district response rates may be checked in real time by going [here](#).

The TELL Kentucky Survey is open to all school-based Kentucky certified educators employed in the state’s 173 school districts and can be completed by clicking on this link: <http://www.tellkentucky.org/>.

The purpose of the survey is to document and analyze how teachers and other educators view their teaching and learning conditions, so that educators, stakeholders and policymakers can make evidence-based decisions on policies and practices that will improve student achievement and increase teacher retention.

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