

## **INFORMED CONSENT DOCUMENT**

My name is Aziel Cordero and you are being given the opportunity to volunteer to participate in a project conducted through my Educational Research Methods Course at Xavier University. The purpose of this study is to examine and illuminate the perspectives of Ohio School Treasurers on the Pathway to a School Treasurer Position in the State of Ohio. In this study, we hope to illuminate the perceptions of the professionals in the career field and give a better understanding to help grow the interest and improve the preparation for this important career. Participants in this study will be asked to complete a brief electronic questionnaire. The study should take 20-25 minutes for you to complete. There are no anticipated risks. Benefits to taking part include aiding in the advancement of education and career preparation for future school treasurer candidates.

### **Nature and Purpose of the Project**

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### **Why You Were Invited to Take Part**

You have been invited to take part because you are serving as or have served as a school treasurer in the state of Ohio.

### **Study Requirements**

As a participant, you will be required to complete an electronic questionnaire asking about your perspectives and opinions on the current process for school treasurer candidates. In order to participate, you must be or have been a school treasurer for a school district in the state of Ohio.

### **Anticipated discomforts/risks**

There are no anticipated discomforts or risks.

### **Benefits**

Benefits to taking part include aiding in the advancement of education and career preparation for future school treasurer candidates.

### **Confidentiality/Anonymity**

This study will NEVER collect participant identifiers. Data will be collected anonymously and therefore, your answers can never be linked to you. In order for all answers to remain anonymous, DO NOT give any district or self-identifying information such as names of individuals, self, or district of current or previous employment. In the event that personal identifying information is inadvertently given, *personal identifiers will be removed, and the de-identified information may be used for future research without seeking additional informed consent.*

**Compensation**

There will be no compensation given for participation in this study.

Refusal to participate in this study will have NO EFFECT ON ANY FUTURE SERVICES you may be entitled to from the University. You are FREE TO WITHDRAW FROM THE STUDY AT ANY TIME WITHOUT PENALTY.

If you have any questions at any time during the study, you may contact Aziel Cordero at (513) 806-7729 or [corderoa1@xavier.edu](mailto:corderoa1@xavier.edu) or the research supervisor, Dr. Brett A. Burton, Xavier University (513) 745-4230 or [burtonb4@xavier.edu](mailto:burtonb4@xavier.edu)

*[For online data collection:]*

You may print a copy of this form or contact the PI at Aziel Cordero at (513) 806-7729 or [corderoa1@xavier.edu](mailto:corderoa1@xavier.edu) to request a copy be sent to you.

I have been given information about this research study and its risks and benefits and have had the opportunity to contact the researcher with any questions, and to have those questions answered to my satisfaction. By completing the elements of the study as previously described to me, I understand that I am giving my informed consent to participate in this research study.

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Signature

Date