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**FROM** Mark Johnson

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## 2018 NORTH CAROLINA TEACHER WORKING CONDITIONS SURVEY (NCTWCS)

North Carolina will launch its ninth iteration of the North Carolina Teacher Working Conditions Survey starting March 1, 2018. The survey window will be open for 31 days. We need your support to reach our goal of hearing from every school-based educator in this state. This survey will assist us in gauging NC Educators' perspectives about teaching and learning conditions while providing education stakeholders and policymakers insights on how to improve school and classroom practices.

The NCTWCS Advisory Committee met in November to review survey composition, processes and feedback. In doing so, we would like to update you on changes and improvements made to the 2018 iteration:

Item Number	Type of Change
2.4, 4.1, 8.2, 8.3, 9.1d	Words have been added, defined, replaced, etc. to assist participants in understanding meaning of question
6.6, 8.2, 8.3, 9.1, 10.1	Answer choices have been broadened to collect additional data points
3.3	New question added to gauge awareness of child hunger
9.1a, 9.1k, 9.1l	Questions removed

Beginning in 2018, New Teacher Center (NTC), our survey administrator, will compute construct composites using a core set of survey items for each construct with a demonstrable impact on important outcomes for schools. In North Carolina, due to this change in composite calculations and feedback requesting a more focused view on local processes, three questions with implications for the Instructional Practices and Support construct have been removed. For a more detailed description of construct composites and construct average calculations, please visit [www.ncteachingconditons.org](http://www.ncteachingconditons.org).

Survey instructions for school-based representatives should arrive at all schools the week of February 12<sup>th</sup>. Please contact, Dr. Cynthia M. Martin at [cynthia.martin@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:cynthia.martin@dpi.nc.gov) with additional questions. Thank you for continuing to be an educational partner.

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