Hello,

My name is Amanda Potasznik. I am a doctoral student at the University of Massachusetts Boston in the Educational Leadership department. I am conducting research on teachers' use of Educational Technology in their classrooms and I am inviting you to participate. The questions will ask which educational apps and programs you use in your classroom and how you feel about those apps. They will also ask about your experience with various levels of EdTech policy. You may skip questions that you do not wish to answer.

The study takes roughly 35 minutes and involves responding to an online survey. Participation in this online survey constitutes minimal risk. The research risk is no greater than the risks ordinarily encountered in daily life.

There is no direct benefit to you from participating in this study. Your participation may help us learn more about teacher experiences with EdTech apps and relevant policies.

Your part in this research is **confidential**. That is, the information gathered for this project will not be published or presented in a way that would allow anyone to identify you. Information gathered for this project will be encrypted and password protected, and only the research team will have access to the data. No schools or districts will be identified by name in this study.

To be eligible to participate, you need to be currently employed as a K-12 school teacher in the United States. Participation in this study is voluntary, and the final decision to participate is yours.

All participants will be entered to win one of four \$150 Amazon gift cards, delivered via email to the address of the participant's choice. The disbursement will take place after the survey phase of the research is over: this is projected to be at the end of January, 2020.

If you have any questions or a research-related problem, please contact me at <a href="mailto:potasznik@cs.umb.edu">potasznik@cs.umb.edu</a>. You can also contact my faculty advisor, Dr. Wenfan Yan, at <a href="mailto:wenfan.yan@umb.edu">wenfan.yan@umb.edu</a>. The study has been approved by the UMass Boston Institutional Review Board ("IRB").

Should participants wish to see the results of the study, they may access the finished research project at <a href="https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Amanda\_Potasznik">https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Amanda\_Potasznik</a>.

Clicking below indicates that I have read the description of the study and I agree to participate in the study.

## **SURVEY LINK**

I look forward to hearing from you!

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