**Sample District Schools**

***Parent Focus Group Questions***

This focus group is part of Sample District’s technology program review. The point of this review is to take a snapshot of how instructional technology is typically used to support teaching and learning in the district. In addition to this focus group, we will conduct an online survey and this month will be visiting all classrooms in the school. We are also interviewing principals and teachers. Ultimately, all of this data will go – in aggregate - into a report that will be reviewed by the district later in the spring. What they’ll be doing is looking at this aggregate data against a set of descriptive indicators created by a team of district stakeholders (teachers, administrators, etc.).

Your responses in this focus group will be confidential. Details of today’s conversation will not be reported to the district. We will never report any individual response in a way that attributes it to a specific person. So feel free to be frank and to speak your mind here. Further, it is not necessary for each person to answer each question. Rather, the questions are conversation starters. Respond as you wish, and I will prompt the group to provide more detail and/or to move on as necessary. We will complete this activity within an hour as promised.

Any questions? OK, let’s go!

1. Describe how your student uses technology for schoolwork and homework (*that’s both IN SCHOOL and at home*).

2. What’s your understanding of Sample District’s plan or vision for technology integration?

Is there anything that you could suggest to improve the district’s ability to implement or articulate this plan?

3. Do you feel that your student has developed (or is developing) the learning and technology skills that they will need after high school? What else would you like them to learn?

4. To what extent is your student developing critical thinking skills around the use of technology?

5. How do students – in your experience in Sample District – develop their skills for using technology?

6. Does your school have adequate technology resources to support your student’s learning needs? How could this be improved?

7. Is there anything else that you would like to tell me that we have not spoken of already in this discussion? Do you have anything else that you would like me to be sure to get into this report?