**Sample District Schools**

***Principal Interview Questions***

This interview is part of Sample District’s review of how instructional technology is used to support teaching and learning in the district. In addition to my visit to your building today, we are conducting an online survey and will ultimately be visiting all classrooms in the district. We are also conducting teacher, student and parent focus groups. Ultimately, the results of this review – analyzed against a set of descriptive indicators developed by a team of district stakeholders (the principal should know this as all principals were involved in the indicator development) - will be reported to the district later in the spring.

You should know that your responses to these questions will be confidential. Details of today’s conversation will not be reported to the district. So feel free to be frank and to speak your mind here.

**Principal’s Name and Background** (e.g., how long they’ve been principal, history in the district, anything they have to say about their personal philosophy, etc.)

1. As a way of getting started, could you give me an example of a student activity that you have seen taught (by a teacher in this building) that does what you feel does an exemplary job of integrating technology as an aid in student learning?

Why was this effective? (*and if they talk about technology, probe for why they feel that the use of technology in particular was effective*)

2. Could you articulate what you believe to be the district’s plan for technology integration? What are the key features (in your opinion) of this plan or vision?

Do you feel that the teachers in you building currently have the technology and pedagogical skills to support this plan/vision?

3. Specifically, in what ways do you feel that technology integration supports the development of critical thinking skills? How is this demonstrated by students? (if it doesn’t come up, probe here for information/media literacy)

4. What challenges do your teachers face in integrating technology in the classroom? (this is the “barriers” question that usually elicits comments about infrastructure, support, etc.)

5. What opportunities do your teachers have to develop skills in integrating technology? (prompt for planning time, tech spec, PD)

6. Is there anything else that you would like me to know that has not come up in our conversation…or are there any other questions that you have for me?