

Dear School Counselor,

My name is Laura Edwards, and I am a doctoral candidate in the Educational Leadership Program at Bowie State University. I am conducting a research study entitled *An Investigation of School Counselor Ratios and Their Impact on Student–School Counselor Relationships in Pennsylvania*.

You are invited to participate in a brief online survey examining how school counselor-to-student ratios influence the quality of relationships between school counselors and students. Your insights are valuable in helping to better understand how caseload size may affect relational capacity, access to services, and overall student support.

Participation in this study is voluntary. The survey will take approximately 10–15 minutes to complete. All responses will remain confidential, and no identifying information will be reported. Data will be used solely for dissertation research purposes.

At the end of the survey, you will have the option to indicate whether you are willing to participate in a follow-up interview to further explore your experiences. Participation in the interview portion is also completely voluntary.

If you are willing to participate, please click the link below:

<https://forms.gle/zUi3XPXwon6ws8cZ7>

Your professional perspective is essential to informing staffing policies, equity discussions, and advocacy efforts related to school counseling services across Pennsylvania.

If you have any questions about the study, please feel free to contact me at edwarlau@ycs.k12.pa.us.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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