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FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA	
	CV 74-90 TUC DCB (Lead Case)
Plaintiffs	
V.	TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL
United States of America,	DISTRICT'S OBJECTION TO SPECIAL MASTER'S REPORT
Plaintiff-Intervenor,	AND RECOMMENDATIONS RELATING TO PRINCIPAL AND
v.	TEACHER EVALUTIONS (ECF
Anita Lohr, et al.,	1845)
Defendants,	
and	Oral Argument Requested
Sidney L. Sutton, et al.,	CV 74-204 TUC DCB (Consolidated Case)
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Plaintiffs,

Maria Mendoza, et al.

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v.

3 United States of America,

Plaintiff-Intervenor,

⁶ Tucson Unified School District No. One, et al.

Defendants.

I. Introduction

Defendant Tucson Unified School District objects to the Special Master's Report and Recommendation ("R&R") relating to Principal and Teacher Evaluations ("TPE") (ECF 1845). This Objection is supported by the declaration of Alyson Lavigne, PhD ("Decl. Lavigne") attached as **Exhibit 1**, an expert in instructional leadership and evaluation, as well as the declaration of Dan Erickson ("Decl. Erickson") attached as **Exhibit 2**, President of Education Leaders, Inc. (ELI), which is the collective voice of school principals employed by the District.

This is the latest in a long line of examples¹ where the Plaintiffs invite the Court to
overstep the limits of judicial intervention by requesting the Special Master and Court to
interfere with minute programmatic decisions within the District's discretion. The R&R,
based upon issues raised solely by the Mendoza Plaintiffs,² makes two recommendations:
(1) TUSD should conduct an assessment of the validity of the teacher evaluation
instrument, and (2) TUSD should increase the combined weight of teacher/student opinion
surveys in principal evaluations from 10% to 17%.

 ¹ For list of examples, see TUSD's Motion for Evidentiary Hearing/Status
 Conference (ECF 1846). The parties await Court orders on the pending R&Rs on Advanced
 Learning Experiences (ECF 1645), the Comprehensive Magnet Plan (ECF 1721), and the
 Budget (ECF 1670).

^{28 &}lt;sup>2</sup> The Fisher Plaintiffs and Department of Justice do not share in the Mendozas' objections.

1 Regarding the first issue, TUSD agrees to review the efficacy of the weight assigned 2 to student surveys as they inform teacher evaluation and does not address that issue further. 3 The second recommendation is another prime example of why minute programmatic 4 decisions must remain in the hands of the District. The parties are before this Court, 5 incurring thousands of taxpayer dollars for the Special Master, TUSD and Plaintiffs to 6 litigate a 7% weight allocation in principal evaluation instruments, when this decision 7 should be left with TUSD.

8 USP § IV.H.1. requires the District to "adopt [a] principal evaluation instrument[] to 9 ensure that such evaluations, in addition to requirements of State law and other measures 10 the District deems appropriate, give adequate weight to" a variety of factors, including "aggregated responses from student and teacher surveys to be developed by the District. . . 12 The District has adopted an evaluation instrument that evaluates principals using a 13 combined weight of 10% for student and teacher surveys – 4% for student surveys and 6% for teacher surveys – which it has determined to be $adequate^{3}$ as the USP requires.

15 The weight allocations were determined by TUSD in accordance with the USP, in 16 light of applicable State laws and in the context of the entire scope of District operations 17 (including negotiations with ELI, the administrator employee bargaining group). The 18 District-selected weight allocations reflect that principal evaluations should be weighted 19 heavily on objective measures of site leadership and professional standards, and that 20 subjective opinion surveys should not be weighted any more than 10%. The R&R, on the 21 other hand, demands the weight of opinion surveys be increased by 7% without any basis, 22

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³ The Special Master does not specify his definition of "adequate." He appears to be 24 defining "adequate" primarily on numeric qualities (such as weight), which ignores the 25 quality of a measure. A poor measure can be assigned a substantial weight, but this will have little meaning for principals if it is not reliable, valid, or does not help principals 26 improve their practices. See Decl. Lavigne ¶ 7. The Special Master and the parties 27 specifically chose the word "adequate" for this provision. Merriam-Webster defines it as "good enough." The USP does not require TUSD to give the "most" weight, the 28 'maximum" weight, or a "significant" weight.

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1 research or evidence suggesting the District-selected 10% weight is inadequate. 2 Accordingly, the R&R on this issue must be denied.

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The Special Master's "Context" Section is Inaccurate, Lacks Foundation, and II. Should Be Stricken From the Record

5 Although the relevance to the R&R is not clear, the Special Master stated in the 6 R&R's "context" section that "the District refused to submit teacher and principal 7 evaluation plans for review, and a court order in January 2015 was needed to require the 8 District to develop such plans (Doc. 1760)." See ECF 1845 at 3. This grossly 9 mischaracterizes both the District's posture and what actually occurred. As previously 10 briefed in ECF 1668, the District did not believe the USP mandated submission of the teacher and principal evaluation instruments to Plaintiffs for review, and accordingly did not do so. When the Court ordered TUSD to do so anyway upon the recommendation of the Special Master, TUSD complied with the Court's order. That legal dispute was resolved almost a year ago and need not be revisited here.

15 Next in the "context" section, the Special Master prepared a list of instances where 16 TUSD asserted legal positions where it believed the Special Master and Plaintiffs demanded 17 action and tax dollars both beyond and outside the scope of the USP. This is an ongoing 18 problem TUSD has requested the Court to address in the motion it has filed requesting a 19 hearing/status conference. See ECF 1846. Inclusion of TUSD's prior litigation positions in 20 this R&R appear to be punitive in nature and specifically intended to deter TUSD from 21 asserting legal positions to protect its legal rights⁴ and the taxpayer dollars that inevitably 22

²³ ⁴ Courts have found a defendant's fair access to the courts impeded by permitting allegations of bad faith for taking certain litigation positions. See, e.g., Palmer by Diacon 24 v. Farmers Ins. Exch., 861 P.2d 895, 914-915 (Mont. 1993)("To permit evidence of 25 insurers' litigation strategies and tactics is to impede insurers' access to the courts and right to defend, because it makes them reluctant to contest coverage of questionable claims. 'Free 26 access to the courts is an important and valuable aspect of an effective system of 27 jurisprudence, and a party possessing a colorable claim must be allowed to assert it without fear of suffering a penalty more severe than typically imposed on defeated parties.' Public 28 policy dictates, therefore, that courts must use extreme caution in deciding to admit such

will be paid to the Special Master and Plaintiffs to litigate areas that the USP leaves within
the discretion of TUSD.⁵ This verbiage is improper and should be stricken.

III. TUSD's USP-Compliant Programmatic Decisions Should Not be Disturbed

4 This Court must review this issue de novo pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 53, and must 5 uphold the District's evaluation instruments if each "conforms to the consent decree entered 6 into by the parties and ... is compatible with the Constitution." United States v. South Bend 7 Community School Corp., 511 F. Supp. 1352, 1360 (N.D. Ind. 1981). As neither the 8 Mendozas nor the Special Master has asserted TUSD's TPE procedures are 9 unconstitutional, the Court must determine whether the instruments conform to the USP. 10 This limited review is consistent with controlling case law, which dictates that the "Court is 11 not here to act as a 'super school board' and is mindful of its role; the Court does not intend 12 to micro-manage programmatic decisions by the District and will defer to reasonable 13 proposals by the District." See ECF 1477; see also Anderson v. Canton Mun. Separate 14 School Dist., 232 F.3d 450, 454 (5th Cir. 2000); Richmond Welfare Rights Org. v. 15 Snodgrass, 525 F.2d 197, 207 (9th Cir. 1975) ("Except as last-resort refuges for the 16 protection of constitutional rights, courts should not attempt to function as super school 17 boards"); Swann v. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Bd. of Ed., 402 U.S. 1, 12 (1971), quoting 18 Brown v. Bd. of Ed., Brown II, 349 U.S. 249, 299 (1955) ("School authorities have the 19 primary responsibility for elucidating, assessing, and solving these problems; courts [] have 20to consider whether the action of school authorities constitutes good faith implementation of 21 the governing constitutional principles.").

Here, the R&R contends the weights TUSD has assigned to student/teacher surveys
is a "clear violation" of USP § IV.H.1.iii, requiring "adequate weight" be given to student

evidence even if it is relevant to the insurer's] initial decision to deny the underlying claim.")(citations omitted)

⁵ See Tonti v. Petropoulous, 656 F.2d 212, 220 (6th Cir. Ohio 1981)(Courts in desegregation cases must carefully evaluate payment of public funds to determine whether they achieve the desegregation purpose.)

and teacher surveys. When the USP specifies no specific percentage and there is agreement
to the 10% weight afforded student surveys in teacher evaluations, how in the world can the
10% weight assigned in the principal evaluation instrument to student/teacher surveys
amount to a "clear" violation of the USP? It is clear that it does not, and for that additional
reason this recommendation should be rejected.

6 The recommendation to increase these surveys' weight from 10% to 17% also should 7 be denied because it is outside of USP mandates and interferes with micro-programmatic 8 decisions rightfully in the hands of TUSD. The principal evaluation instrument was 9 developed based on analysis conducted by a Principal Evaluation Committee (PEC) 10 comprised of lifetime educators. See ECF 1845-9 at 33-35. The PEC considered the 11 recommendations of the Special Master and his implementation committee member, Dr. Vicky Balentine. Id. As a result, TUSD, pursuant to the Special Master's recommendations, increased the survey weight in the current instrument to 10% from the prior principal evaluation model of 7%. See ECF 1845-9 at 33. However, asking the Court to substitute the judgment of others as to what is "adequate" and impose this policy change improperly inserts the Plaintiffs and Special Master (and this Court) into the role of a super school board. The R&R does not allege 10% is either inadequate or unreasonable – and this Court 18 must defer to TUSD's reasonable proposals. See ECF 1477. Accordingly, the Mendoza 19 objections should be overruled and the R&R rejected.

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IV. USP § IV.H Permits TUSD to Consider State Law and Other Measures the District Deems Appropriate.

Not only does the relevant case law direct that TUSD's programmatic decisions not
be disturbed, but the USP expressly affords TUSD discretion in this instance. In addition to
the specific measures required by § IV.H.1, this provision also specifically protects the
District's discretion to ensure the principal evaluation instrument also addresses
"requirements of State law and other measures the District deems appropriate. . . ." §
IV.H.1 (emphasis added). As stated above, the PEC developed the principal evaluation
instrument to comply with § IV.H.1 and Arizona law, and after considering

1 recommendations from the Special Master and Dr. Balentine, increased the weight of 2 opinion surveys from 7% to 10%. ECF 1845-9 at 33-35. The District arrived at the weight 3 allocations, in part, from three months of collaborations and negotiations with Educational 4 Leaders, Inc. (ELI), the collective bargaining voice of the District's school principals. See 5 Decl. Erickson ¶ 3. The 10% weight was agreed to reluctantly by ELI despite its concern 6 that increasing the weight of a subject measure (student/teacher evaluations) to 10% 7 necessitated a decrease in the weight of other objective measures (principal performance). 8 *Id.* ¶ 5-7. For this further reason, the 10% weight should not be disturbed.

V. The Recommendation for 17% is Not Based on any Facts or Research.

The R&R cites neither research nor examples of how, if at all, other school districts' principal evaluation instruments vary from what the District proposes. Based on the District's review of the opinion given by the expert in the field it consulted, it appears no such research exists.

Because the Special Master's assertion regarding assigning weights was facially unsupported, the District consulted Dr. Alyson Lavigne, a Roosevelt University Professor and expert in the field of best practices for improving the quality of the educational evaluation process, to determine whether research in the area was available to inform the issue. She has provided a declaration, attached, and her opinion is that there is not sufficient research to support the Special Master's proposal. *See* Decl. Lavigne ¶ 6.

It seems the Special Master's recommendation for 17% comes "out of thin air."⁶ The
R&R merely concludes "[w]hat better way to measure whether principals have
accomplished these things than by asking teachers and students." *See* ECF 1845 at 5. That
may or may not be the case (Dr. Lavigne in her declaration tells us there is insufficient

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⁶ TUSD appreciates the fact that the Special Master is a desegregation expert, but does not know if the Special Master designates himself as an expert in the allocation of weights in principal and teacher evaluations. Even if that is the case, in order to rely on *any* expert's opinion, it cannot simply be adopted at face value and must be based upon sufficient admissible facts or data. *See* Fed. R. Evid. 702. No facts or data are presented here.

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research on the issue), but the existing TUSD instrument already does precisely what the
Special Master has recommended by including student/teacher surveys as 10% of the
principal evaluation.

Furthermore, the Special Master's recommendation that teacher evaluations should
carry more weight in principal evaluations is inconsistent with his view that principals
should not be the evaluator of teachers due to biases relating to professional and social
relationships between teachers and principals. *See* ECF 1845-9 at 597.

The arbitrary nature of the Special Master's 17% recommendation also is evidenced by the fact that between May and September he thrice has modified without stating any reason the recommended weight allocation between student and teacher evaluation surveys.⁷ Likewise, the Mendozas never once in their objections explained any basis for their complaint. *See, e.g.,* ECF 1845-8 at 3, ECF 1845-9 at 621. According to Dr. Lavigne, increasing the weight of student/teacher surveys in principal evaluations, particularly with no supporting research, may do more harm than good. *See* Decl. Lavigne ¶ 6.

VI. Increasing the Weight of Student/Teacher Opinion Surveys Requires Giving *Less Weight* to the Objective Principal Performance Measure.

The Recommendation avers that there is "no reason" not to increase the survey weight. But there indeed is a reason – and a good one: implicit in the Special Master's request that the weight of student/teacher surveys be increased by 7% is that the weight of other components of the principal evaluation model – components for which the USP requires "adequate weight" be given – must be given less importance. The R&R neither

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⁷ See 5/1/15 Special Master Memo, ECF 1845-10 at 148 ("The weight of teacher and student surveys should total 17% but should be divided equally."); 8/28/15 R&R, ECF 1836
at 12 ("The Special Master therefore recommends that of the 100 total points for measuring principal performance, teacher surveys account for 11 points and student surveys account for six. Alternatively, 12 points could be for teacher surveys and five for student surveys."); 9/25/15 R&R, ECF 1845 at 6 ("The Special Master therefore recommends that of the 100 total points for measuring principal performance, teacher surveys account for 11 points and student surveys."); 9/25/15 R&R, ECF 1845 at 6 ("The Special Master therefore recommends that of the 100 total points for measuring principal performance, teacher surveys account for 11 points and student surveys account for six. [the alternative recommendation for 12% and 5% split was withdrawn]").

acknowledges this nor suggests what other aspect(s) of principal evaluations should be
 given less weight. The principal evaluation components under TUSD's 2015-16 Principal
 Evaluation Model are as follows: Principal Performance - 57%; Student Academic Progress
 - 33%; SAI (Teacher) Survey on Leadership (ADE)⁸ - 2%; Teacher Survey - 4%; Student
 Survey - 4%. *See* Pie Chart, ECF 1845-1 at 1.

6 If teacher surveys are increased from 6 to 11% and student surveys from 4 to 6%, 7 than other USP-aligned components must be reduced by 7%. The Student Academic 8 Progress measure, currently at 33%, cannot be reduced. See A.R.S. 15-203(A)(38).⁹ 9 Accordingly, by default, the Special Master recommends decreasing the current 57% 10 weight of the Principal Performance Measure to the minimum allowable weight of 50% 11 because "there is no reason not to do so." This component should not be reduced because it is an objective measure of principal performance, and includes the following USP-aligned¹⁰ 13 components: Culture and Equity Leadership, Instructional Leadership, Human Resources 14 Leadership, Strategic Leadership, Organizational Leadership, and Community Leadership. 15 See ECF 1845-10 at 71-106. The PEC determined these aspects of site leadership should 16 constitute 57% of the total evaluation score, and that judgment should not be disturbed.

VII. Conclusion

Based on the foregoing, TUSD respectfully requests that the Special Master's R&R
on Teacher and Principal Evaluations be denied. Oral argument is requested for the same

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 ⁸ SAI stands for "Standards Assessment Inventory." The SAI is an assessment developed by the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) that anonymously measures teachers' perceptions to provide important data on the quality of professional learning at the school or system level.

 ⁹ A.R.S. 15-203(A)(38) requires the State Board of Education to "adopt and maintain a model framework for a teacher and principal evaluation instrument that includes quantitative data on student academic progress that accounts for between thirty-three percent and fifty per cent of the evaluation outcomes."

 ¹⁰ The Principal Performance Measure addresses specific USP provisions including measuring "efforts by principals to create school conditions, processes, and practices that support learning for racially, ethnically, culturally and linguistically diverse students" and "teacher and principal use of classroom and school-level data to improve student outcomes, target interventions, and perform self-monitoring." *See* USP §§ IV.H.1.i.II and 1.ii.

reasons as set forth in TUSD's Motion for Hearing/Status Conference recently filed with
 the Court (ECF 1846).
 DATED this 2nd day of October, 2015.
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EXHIBIT 1

Declaration of Alyson Leah Lavigne, Ph.D.

I, Alyson Leah Lavigne, Ph.D., declare under penalty of perjury that the following statements are true:

1. I am above the age of 18 and am competent to make this Declaration. I am an Assistant Professor in Curriculum Studies at Roosevelt University, and have personal knowledge regarding the facts stated herein. This declaration is based upon my personal knowledge, information and belief.

2. I hold a BA in Psychology from Mount Holyoke College, an MA in Educational Psychology from the University of Arizona, and a PhD in Educational Psychology from the University of Arizona.

3. My professional affiliations include the following: American Educational Research Association, American Psychological Association, and National Association for Multicultural Education.

4. I have published many articles on evaluation and related issues, and this year published a book entitled "Improving Teaching Through Observation and Feedback" regarding best practices for improving the quality of the evaluation process. I have significant expertise in the area of instructional leadership and have conducted two large studies examining principals' perspectives in teacher evaluation.

5. A true and correct copy of my curriculum vitae is attached hereto as **Exhibit A.**

6. I have reviewed the Special Master's Amended Report and Recommendation filed September 25, 2015 and have formed opinions regarding the adequacy of the weight afforded teacher and student surveys in the evaluation of principals. These opinions include my findings of:

- A lack of sufficient research that suggests assigning a higher weight value to student surveys in principal evaluation is any more adequate than assigning a lower weight value.
- A lack of sufficient research that suggests assigning a higher weight value to teacher surveys in principal evaluation is any more adequate than assigning a lower weight value.
- The absence of sufficient research suggesting all three surveys should be weighted almost equally in principal evaluation.
- In the absence of sufficient research supporting the adequacy of a particular weight for student or teacher surveys in principal evaluation, a higher weight value has the potential to do more harm than good.
- An increase in weight assigned to the teacher and student surveys in principal evaluation would result in a reduction in weight assigned to the six principal performance areas. There is insufficient evidence suggesting that a reduction in weight in those areas would be any more adequate than the current assigned weight.
- Weights should be assessed based on reliability and validity data of the actual instrument and as it pertains to the relationship to a principal's effectiveness as measured by both what they do (performance) and the outcomes they seek to achieve (student achievement growth).

7. Defining "meaningful" and "adequate" primarily on numeric qualities (such as weight) ignores the quality of a measure. A poor measure can be assigned a substantial weight, but this will have little meaning for principals if it is not reliable, valid, or does not help principals improve their practices.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

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DATED this 2nd day of October, 2015.

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Alyson Leah Lavigne, Ph.D. Assistant Professor, Curriculum Studies College of Education Roosevelt University Case 4:74-cv-00090-DCB Document 1853 Filed 10/02/15 Page 16 of 31

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- 2007 M.A. Educational Psychology, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ Thesis: Social class and early childhood education: An exploratory study of classroom practices. Chair: Mary McCaslin, Ph.D.
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Policy as it relates to teacher evaluation and teacher retention; student and teacher motivational dynamics and classroom practices, particularly in schools that serve Latin@ students

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CAEP Self-Study Coordinator, College of Education

Work with the Dean of the College of Education and the Assessment and Grants Director to collect, evaluate, and plan for the Council of Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) self-study needs of the College of Education.

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Teach a 3-3 load using various delivery methods (e.g., online, face-to-face, hybrid, videoconference) to undergraduate and graduate students seeking initial and subsequent certifications in teaching, and to doctoral students seeking degrees in Pk-12 and higher education administration. Courses:

- ELOC 685 Advanced Quantitative Methods
- ELOC 589 Research Writing
- ELOC 401 Action Research and Data Analysis
- EDUC/SPED 407/CHS 457-Topics and Issues in Human Development
- EDUC 311/411 Adolescent Development
- EDUC 210 Child Development for Educators
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TECHNICAL REPORTS

- Kuck, C., Taylor, S., Chamberlain, R., **Lavigne, A.**, & Borkorm, B. (2015). *Teacher evaluation design and implementation research study*. Final report submitted to district.
- Chamberlain, R. W., & Lavigne, A. L. (2014). *Teacher evaluation in Illinois: Perceptions from the field*. Final report submitted to the Illinois Principals Association.

UNDER REVIEW & IN PREPARATION

Lavigne, A. L., & Chamberlain, R. (revised and resubmitted). Teacher evaluation in Illinois: School leaders' perceptions and practices. Revision submitted to *Educational Assessment, Evaluation, and Accountability*.

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- Lavigne, A. L., & Good, T. L. (invited, under review). Citing, being cited, not citing, and not being cited. In J. Plucker & M. Makel (Eds.), *Doing good social science: Trust, accuracy, transparency.* Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.
- Lavigne, A. L., & Good, T. L. (under contract). *Moving beyond the damage of Race to the Top: Building useful programs of teacher development and evaluation.* New York: Routledge.
- Good, T. L., **Lavigne, A.** L., & López, F. (under contract). *Looking in classrooms* (12th ed.). New York: Routledge.
- Lavigne, A. L., & Good, T. L. (in preparation). Costly but simplistic reform fails again. Op-ed in preparation for *Education Week*.
- Lavigne, A. L. (in preparation). Teacher evaluation under Race to the Top: Capacity, needs, and the role of context. Manuscript being prepared for submission to the *Educational Administration Quarterly*.
- Dexter, A., Oberg De La Garza, T., & Lavigne, A. L. (in preparation). Teachers communicating care across culture and language: A comparative study examining what might be lost in translation. Manuscript being prepared for submission to *Anthropology & Education Quarterly*.
- Meunch, C.*, **Lavigne, A. L.,** & Stadler, H. A. (in preparation). The knowing-doing gap in teacher evaluation.

PRESENTATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED

- Oberg De La Garza, Mackinney, E., & **Lavigne, A. L.** (accepted). *Existing and emerging dual language programs in Illinois*. Submitted to the Annual Conference of the Midwestern Educational Research Association.
- Oberg De La Garza, T., Mackinney, E., & **Lavigne, A. L.** (accepted). Developing dual language programs for educators. Accepted for presentation at the Annual Conference of La Cosecha. Albuquerque, NM.
- Lavigne, A. L. (accepted). *Observing and evaluating dual language teachers*. Accepted for presentation at the Annual Conference of La Cosecha. Albuquerque, NM.
- Kuck, C. L., Borkorm, B., Chamberlain, R., Lavigne, A. L., & Taylor, S. (accepted). PERA early implementer: A district's capacity for change. Paper accepted for presentation at the Illinois Education Research Council's Focus on Illinois Education Research Symposium. Lisle, IL.
- Mackinney, E., Lavigne, A. L., & Oberg De La Garza, T. (accepted). Towards a bilingual Illinois: Dual language program development. Paper accepted for presentation at the Illinois Education Research Council's Focus on Illinois Education Research Symposium. Lisle, IL.

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PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS, CONT.

- Oberg De La Garza, T., & Lavigne, A. L. (2015, March). *Exploring culturally relevant literacy practices with Latino students.* Chicago State University Culturally Relevant Instruction Conference, Chicago, IL.
- Oberg De La Garza, T., & Lavigne, A. L. (2014, November). Culturally responsive teaching and texts to authentically engage Latino students in mainstream and bilingual classrooms. Workshop presented at the National Association for Multicultural Education. Tucson, AZ.
- Oberg De La Garza, T., Roberts, A., & Lavigne, A. L. (2013, November). *Cross-cultural relationships: Fostering belonging and achievement of Latino students in U.S. schools.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the World Education Research Association, Guanajuato, Guanajuato, México.
- Lavigne, A. L., & Bozack, A. R. (2013, October). *Breakthroughs and struggles of beginning, midcareer, and veteran teachers.* Paper presented at the Northeastern Educational Research Association. Rocky Hill, CT.
- Roberts, A., Lavigne, A. L., & Oberg De La Garza, T. (2013, April). *Care and culture: Supporting Latino success through teacher-student relationships*. Paper presented at the Society for Psychological Anthropology Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA.
- Oberg De La Garza, T., **Lavigne, A. L**., & Roberts, A. L. D. (2012, November). *Do teachers effectively communicate care for Latino students?* Poster presented at the annual conference of the Illinois Association of Teacher Educators, Lisle, IL.
- Roberts, A. L. D., Lavigne, A. L., & Oberg De La Garza, T. (2012, November). Care and culture: Supporting Latino success through teacher-student relationships. Paper presented at the annual conference of the Mid-western American Educational Research Association, Evanston, IL.
- Sun, H., Olson, A., Lavigne, A. L., Claessens, L., & Hernandez, D. (2012, August). A comparative study of college students' achievement motivation in three cultures. Paper presented at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association, Orlando, FL.
- Lavigne, A. L. (2012, April). Understanding teacher retention: Exploring beginning and veteran teachers. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.
- Lavigne, A. L., McCaslin, M., & Good, T. L. (2010, November). Beliefs as buffers of the first year of teaching: Does context matter? Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Arizona Educational Research Organization, Phoenix, AZ.
- **Dolan, A. L.**, McCaslin, M. M., & Good, T. L. (2009, April). *Stability of first-year teaching practices across time and social class.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association, San Diego, CA.

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PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS, CONT.

- Florez, I. R., & Dolan, A. L. (2008, November). Developing a case-based, problem-based assessment course: Using a sociocultural model in early childhood teacher preparation. Workshop presented at the meeting of the National Association for the Education of Young Children.
- Bozack, A. R., Dolan, A. L., & Vega, R. (2008, June). Predicting retention: Certification, teacher practices, and career perceptions. Paper presented at the 15th Annual International Learning Conference, Chicago, IL.
- **Dolan, A. L.**, McCaslin, M. M., & Good, T. L. (2008, August). *Teaching practices in early childhood education: Does socioeconomic status matter*? Poster presented at the meeting of the American Psychological Association, Boston, MA.
- **Dolan, A. L.** (2007, August). Student perceptions of teacher support. In M. McCaslin (Ed.), *Symposium on school reform matters*. Paper presented at the meeting of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA.
- **Dolan, A. L.**, Good, T. L., McCaslin, M. M., Wiley, C. R. H., & Bozack, A. R. (2007, April). *Firstyear teacher retention and classroom practices.* Paper presented at the meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Chicago, IL.

NON-PEER REVIEWED

- Lavigne, A. L. (2015, June). *Assessing the assessments*. Invited workshop for the Illinois Migrant Educators Statewide Workshop. Lisle, IL.
- Lavigne, A. L. (2015, June). *Using picture books*. Invited workshop for the Illinois Migrant Educators Statewide Workshop. Lisle, IL.
- Oberg De La Garza, T., & Lavigne, A. L. (2015, April). *Culturally relevant, balanced literacy instruction*. Illinois Migrant Educators Annual Workshop. Peoria, IL.
- Lavigne, A. L. (2015, April). *From dissertation to research program*. Symposium participant for the Division C Graduate Student Seminar at the Annual Conference of the American Educational Research Association. Chicago, IL.
- Oberg De La Garza, T., Lavigne, A. L, & Garcia Ansani, E. (2015, March). Salsa dancing in gym shoes: A critical conversation about students, culture, and education. Critical Conversations in Policy and Social Justice Series hosted by the Center for Policy & Social Justice. Concordia University Chicago. River Forest, IL.
- Lavigne, A. L. (2014, October). Race to the Top in Illinois: Understanding school leaders' capacity to implement teacher evaluation. Invited paper presented at Implementation of Educator Evaluation Systems: Examining Problems of Practice, a conference co-sponsored by the Northeast Educator Effectiveness Research Alliance at the Regional Educational Laboratory Northeast and Islands (REL-NEI) at EDC and the National Center for Teacher Effectiveness (NCTE) at Harvard University.

NON-PEER REVIEWED, CONT.

- Lavigne, A. L., & Chamberlain, R. (2014, January). *Coping with increased demands for teacher evaluation: School leaders' perceptions of problems and possibility*. Invited paper presented at Using Observational and Student Achievement Data to Improve Teaching. Tucson, AZ.
- Lavigne, A. L. (2012, October). Exploring the implications of high-stakes teacher evaluation on schools, teachers, and students. Invited presentation at High-Stakes Teacher Evaluation: High Cost- Big Losses, Tucson, AZ.

MEDIA CONTRIBUTIONS

Lavigne, A. L. (2015). The Voice on Vialogues: Exploring the intended and unintended consequences of high-stakes teacher evaluation. <u>https://vialogues.com/vialogues/browse/related/20038</u>

UNDER REVIEW & IN PREPARATION

Lavigne, A. L., Olson, A. M., & Reina, C. (under review). *Teacher evaluation through the eyes of the principal: How the role of experience and school context shape perceptions.* Submitted to the Annual Conference of the American Educational Research Association.

GRANTS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

FUNDED & AWARDED

2015	Faculty Research Leave (awarded for Spring 2016), Roosevelt University
2015	Routledge Education Author of the Month, March 2015
2015	CHOICE Highly Recommended Book Designation, Student and Teacher Evaluation
2014	Principal Investigator. Teacher evaluation: School leaders' perceptions and practices.
	Roosevelt University Faculty Summer Research Grant (\$1,200).
2011	Principal Investigator. Teacher retention project. Roosevelt University Faculty Summer
	Research Grant (\$1,371).
2005-2010	Graduate College Fellowship, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ
2009	Invited Participant, Division 15 Doctoral Student Research Seminar
	American Psychological Association
2008	Mary and Maude Miller Scholarship, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ
2008	Erasmus Scholar Award, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ
2008	College of Education Graduate Student Award, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ
2008	Student Travel Award, American Psychological Association
2008	GPSC Travel Grant Award, Graduate and Professional Student Council,
	University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ
2006	Dixon Turcott Educational Fund Award, State of New Hampshire
2006	Mary and Maude Miller Scholarship, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ

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UNFUNDED

2015	Exploring the characteristics and outcomes of Saturday language schools. Spencer
	Foundation Small Research Grants. (Oberg De La Garza, T., Mackinney, E., Lavigne,
	A ., Maly, M., & Hilvers, J. ~ 49, 437)
2015	Roosevelt University Faculty Summer Research Grant (~ \$2,399)
2013	Care across cultures: Supporting Latino success in schools. William T. Grant Foundation
	Officers' Grant (Lavigne, A. L., Oberg De La Garza, T., & Roberts, A. ~ \$24,881)
2013	District supports and data use study. Spencer Foundation Initiative on Data Use and
	Educational Improvement. (Bozack, A.R., Niemi, N.S., & Lavigne, A.L. ~ \$264, 066)
2012	Measures of Effective Teaching Early Career Grants Research Program (\$23,992)
2012	American Psychological Association, Division 15, Early Educational Researcher Career
	Award (\$7,215)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA | Tucson, AZ

2007-2010	Teaching Assistant (2007-2009) & Instructor (2009-2010) Course: Evolution and Human Development
2009-2010	Research Assistant TeKNO and Value-Added Projects PI: Nicki Kersting, Ph.D.
2008 Summer	Research Associate University of Arizona Math Project PI: Thomas L. Good, Ph.D.
2006-2008	Managing Editor 21 st century education: A reference handbook Editor: Thomas L. Good, Ph.D.
2007 Summer	Research Assistant Comprehensive School Reform Project PIs: Thomas L. Good, Ph.D. & Mary McCaslin, Ph.D.
2005-2007	Research Assistant & Associate First Year Teacher Observation Project PIs: Thomas L. Good, Ph.D. & Mary McCaslin, Ph.D.
2006-2007	Research Assistant Postdoctoral Excellence in Research and Teaching Program Evaluation Evaluation Group for Analysis of Data
2006 Fall	Teaching Assistant Course: Current Issues in the Psychology of Gender
2006 Summer	Tutor, C.A.T.S. Academics

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BRIGHAM & WOMEN'S HOSPITAL | Boston, MA

2003-2005	Research Assistant I & II Women's Health Habits Study & Concentration and Memory Study Principal Investigator: Grace Chang, M.D., M.P.H.
MOUNT HOLYOKE COLL	EGE South Hadley, MA
2002-2003	Lab and Research Assistant Supervisor: Kathy Stansbury, Ph.D.
2001-2003	Teaching Assistant Course: Introduction to Psychology
2001-2002	Lab Manager Supervisor: Becky Wai-Ling Packard, Ph.D.
	Assistant Gorse Child Study Center

FAY SCHOOL | Southborough, MA

2001 Summer Teacher

SERVICE

STUDENT SUPERVISION & COMMITTEES

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE MEMBER – ROOSEVELT UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

2015	Lynda Williams. The impact of the Performance Evaluation Reform Act on the practice, evaluation, and professional development of principals in Illinois.
2015	Kim Qualls. National Board Certified teachers: Do they walk the walk and talk the talk?
2014	Cheryl Muench. A quantitative study of teacher evaluation and the knowing- doing gap.
2014	Christina Jesukaitis. An analysis of the relationship between intrinsic motivation and student achievement in a diverse Montessori School.
2013	Brian Ganan. The Fluidez en La Lectura Oral (FLO) portion of the Indicadores Dinámicos de Exito en la Lectura (IDEL) and the English Language portion of the Illinois Standard Achievement Test (ISAT): A Correlational Study of Second and Third Grade English Language Learners.
In Progress	Karen Cullotta. <i>El Ranchito: The rise and fall of a police neighborhood center in a Latino community.</i>

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SERVICE, CONT.

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY

Roosevelt University

2014-Current	Member, Undergraduate Council
2014-Current	Vice Chair, College Council, College of Education
2014-Current	Member, Institutional Review Board
2013-2014	Faculty Fellow, College of Education
2013-2014	Tri-Chair, All Students Subcommittee, Foundations of Excellence
2012-2014	EdTPA Representative, Elementary Education Program, College of Education
2012-2014	PIP/LOOP Representative, Elementary Education Program, College of Education,
2013-2014	College of Education Senator, University Senate
2012-2013	Technology Committee, College of Education
2012-2013	Retention Course Committee, College of Education
2012-2013	Student Support Specialist Search Committee, College of Education
2012	ELED Program Review Committee, College of Education
2010-2012	Student Services Committee, College of Education

University of Arizona

2006	Student Member, Faculty Search Committee (EdP), University of Arizona
2006	Student Member, Admissions Interviews, Teaching and Teacher Education, University of
	Arizona

LOCAL

2012-2013	AIM High Mentor, Companies That Care, Chicago, IL
2012	Program Evaluation Consultant, Chicago Public Schools, Chicago, IL
2011	Children's Home + Aid Presentation, Schaumburg, IL
2011	Data Consultant, Ruiz Elementary School, Chicago, IL
2011	Read Aloud Volunteer,
	Dumas Technology Academy, Chicago, IL
	Enrico Fermi School for the Performing Arts, Chicago, IL

NATIONAL

2015	Mentor, Graduate Student Seminar, Division C, AERA
2014-Current	Member, Affirmative Action Council, Division C, AERA
2011-Current	Reviewer, Annual Meeting Proposal Submissions, Division C, AERA
2015	Ad-hoc Reviewer, Educational Policy (1 manuscript)
2012-2014	Member, Paul R. Pintrich Dissertation Awards Committee, Division 15, APA
2014	Ad-hoc Reviewer, Teachers College Record (1 manuscript)
2013-2014	Ad-hoc Reviewer, Teaching and Teacher Education (1 manuscript)
2013-2014	Chair, Affirmative Action Council, Division C, AERA
2012-2013	Co-Chair, Affirmative Action Council, Division C, AERA
2012	Ad-hoc Reviewer, American Educational Research Journal: Teaching, Learning, and
	Human Development (1 manuscript)
2007-2011	Member, Affirmative Action Committee, Division C, AERA
2007-2010	Campus Liaison, University of Arizona, AERA

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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2014-current	National Association for Multicultural Education
2006-current	American Educational Research Association
	Member, Division K, Division C, Division A, Motivation in Education SIG
2004-current	American Psychological Association
	Member, Division 15
2007-2008	Southwest Consortium for Innovative Psychology in Education
2004	International Psychological Students' Organization

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2014 Using NAEP Data on the Web for Educational Policy Research, Annual Conference of the American Educational Research Association
- 2014 Beginner Spanish III, Multilingual Connections

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EXHIBIT 2

Declaration of Daniel Erickson in Support of TUSD Administrator's Response to the Special Master's Amended Report and Recommendation Filed September 25, 2015

I, Daniel Erickson, declare under penalty of perjury that the following statements are true:

1. I am above the age of 18 and am competent to make this Declaration. I am the principal of Magee Middle School, President of Education Leaders, Inc. ("ELI"), and have personal knowledge regarding the facts stated herein. This declaration is based upon my personal knowledge, information and belief.

2. Since 1981, ELI has been recognized by the Tucson Unified School District (TUSD) as the collective voice of school principals, assistant principals, psychologists, and research project managers. ELI has read the special master's report and recommendation (R&R) regarding Principal Evaluation and is concerned that the recommendations are unsupported by facts or law and, if implemented, will not serve to advance TUSD's unitary status (USP) goals, improve educational opportunities for TUSD students, or create better or more effective teachers and administrators to serve those students.

3. TUSD's current evaluation criteria for principals includes 4% weighting for student survey results and 6% weighting for teacher surveys. These weights were deliberately determined through the ELI meet and confer agreement that resulted from an approximate three month process of collaboration and negotiation with TUSD regarding the evaluation of principals. ELI reluctantly agreed to the 10% total weight for student and teacher surveys as a part of that evaluation but remain convinced even that percentage affords too much weight to those surveys. Some of the reasons supporting this conviction are discussed in this declaration.

4. The special master believes that it is "incongruous" that student surveys only account for 4% of an administrator's evaluation, but 10% of a teacher's evaluation. The special master fails to recognize that teachers spend the majority of their time

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working directly with students, while administrators are responsible for managing an entire school site.

5. To remedy this alleged incongruity, the special master proposes increasing the weighting of surveys in principal evaluations to 11% for teacher surveys and 6% for student surveys. The special master seems to believe that relying more on subjective student and teacher opinions is the best way to objectively measure principal performance.

6. The inherent contradiction in the special master's proposal is that by giving more weight to teacher surveys, the principal's evaluation becomes more dependent on the opinions of teachers. However, the special master already has determined that principals are not well-suited to perform teacher evaluations because of a desire to be "liked" by teachers. Based on that logic, teacher evaluations should account for less weight in a principal's evaluation, not more.

7. Further, the additional 7% weighting must be taken from the substantive evaluation of principals by directors, in which directors directly review aspects of leadership that are critical to principal proficiency, which will reduce the role of many important USP objectives in the evaluation of principals. It is unclear how such a change would enhance TUSD's USP compliance. As noted above, the special master's recommendation would make principals more dependent on being liked, rather than respected or effective, which is precisely the relational issue that caused the special master to believe principals should not evaluate teachers in the first place.

8. ELI believes that "consumer" surveys in general should be weighted equally and account for 10% of the evaluation criteria for teacher and principals alike. Student surveys should account for 10% of a teacher's evaluation, while the combination of 6% teacher surveys and 4% student surveys should account collectively for 10% of a principal's evaluation. This recognizes and properly weights the differing interactions between students, teachers, and principals.

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9. The special master proposes the implementation of studies and other changes to the evaluation processes and instruments during the current school year. ELI opposes implementing these changes now. State law, TUSD policy, and the ELI meet and confer agreement provide that principals be provided with evaluation instruments and criteria at the beginning of the school year, and in any event, no later than the end of the first quarter.

10. The results of these evaluations have lasting impact on a principal's livelihood, including eligibility for multi-year contracts and other employment benefits. Our membership is entitled to know what criteria will be used to measure their performance in advance. The special master's recommendations amount to a moving target, which unfairly penalizes principals for a perceived shortcoming that is unsubstantiated by facts. The special master must understand that his proposals, although perhaps fine from a true academic or philosophical standpoint, would affect real people, with real families, and real obligations. Notwithstanding the noble goals of the USP, the special master's recommendations do not occur in a vacuum and should not be implemented during the current school year.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

DATED this <u>1st</u> day of October, 2015.

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Daniel Erickson ELI President