**Basic Information to Have About the
State of Education in Your Community**

General Information
_ Number of schools by type (public, charter, private, etc.), district, and level
_ Number and percentage of students in community; per district; per school; per grade; trend over time
_ Number and percentage of students by race/ethnicity: in community; per district; per school; per grade; trends over time
_ Percentage of students qualifying for free- or reduced-price lunch by school; trend over time
_ *(if readily available:)* Number and percentage of students by family structure, nativity status, parents' highest level of education, language most spoken in the home

   Likely source of information: Local school district

School Readiness
_ Percentage of students considered "school ready" at kindergarten entry; trend over time
_ How school readiness is assessed

   Possible sources of information: Local school district or individual schools *Note that while many schools, school districts, communities, and states assess school readiness in kindergarten, many do not.*

Early-grade Reading
_ Percentage of fourth grade students reading at or above the proficient level according to your state's reading assessment; trend over time

   Likely sources of information: Typically found online at the state department of education web site or on local school district web sites; if not found on line, contact them by phone

Middle School Success
_ Percentage of 8th graders scoring at or above the proficient level in mathematics according to your state's mathematics assessment; trends over time

   Likely sources of information: Typically found online at the state department of education web site or on local school district web sites; if not found on line, contact them by phone

High School Graduation
_ Definition of and formula for calculating truancy used by local school district(s); used by state
_ Truancy data by district/school/grade; trend over time
_ Truancy data by race and sex by district/school/grade; trend over time
_ Definition of and formula for calculating graduation rate used by local school district(s); used by state
_ Graduation data by community/district/school; trend over time
_ Graduation data by race and sex by community/district/school; trend over time
_ Number of dropouts by district/school/class; trend over time
_ Number of dropouts by race and sex by district/school/class; trend over time

Existing Education-related Initiatives

1. Any **middle school early-risk identification** initiatives? If so:
   a. Which district(s)/school(s)
   b. What's being done
   c. How many served
   d. Success rate

2. Any **academic support** initiatives? If so:
   a. Which district(s)/school(s)
   b. What's being done
   c. How many served
   d. Success rate

3. Any **parent support** initiatives? If so:
   a. Which district(s)/school(s)
   b. What's being done
   c. How many served
   d. Success rate

4. Any **teacher training initiatives focusing on student engagement**? If so:
   a. Which district(s)/school(s)
   b. What's being done
   c. How many trained
   d. Success rate

Any other major education-related initiatives?

Likely sources of information: Conversations with community education leaders, ??????