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Subject **Follow-Up: Boulder Valley Community Engagement Sessions – Learning Study**
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Robbyn:
Thank you again for the opportunity to partner with Boulder Valley School District on the design and facilitation of the community engagement sessions. It was a privilege to support this important work and to hear about the level of thoughtful participation and dialogue across your community. I can't wait to see it in person next week!
As a follow-up, our team is interested in conducting a mini "learning study" to better understand the impact of this interactive engagement approach. Given that this model represents a new and innovative approach to community engagement—both for your district and for ERS—we see a valuable opportunity to capture leanings and insights that can strengthen future efforts.
The purpose of this study is to reflect on and learn from the experience across a small set of community members, including district leaders, facilitators, and other participants. Specifically, we are interested in understanding:

- How the session format influenced participants' understanding of complex issues and tradeoffs
- Whether and how the approach contributed to transparency and readiness for possible future changes
- Opportunities to refine and strengthen the model for future use

To do this, we would propose conducting a limited number of brief (approximately 30-minute) interviews with a representative sample of participants from previous sessions. We will be mindful of time and will work closely with your team to ensure the process is efficient and minimally disruptive. I will follow up shortly in a separate email with additional details and a scheduling request, with a goal of conducting most interviews on Tuesday, April 21, 2026.
Following the interviews, we will synthesize key findings and share a concise summary of insights and recommendations with your team along with the final report that we are preparing for you for the upcoming board meeting. Our goal is to provide you with actionable reflections that can inform future engagement efforts, while also helping ERS continue to refine and strengthen this approach for broader application.
Thank you again for your partnership and leadership. We greatly appreciate the opportunity to learn alongside you.
Warm regards,
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