

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

Thank you for your interest in joining the board! Please read below to get a better understanding of the board. To have any more specific questions answered please email Melanie Sonsteng at [m.sonstengperson@ufl.edu](mailto:m.sonstengperson@ufl.edu).

### **Who are we?**

We are a team from the University of Florida and Medical University of South Carolina partnering with local schools and Black families.

### **What is this project about?**

The goal of our project is to reduce unnecessary disciplinary action against Black students and increase access to social, emotional, and behavioral services.

### **Why should I join?**

By joining the advisory board you would be providing your invaluable insight as a parent to the project team. This will be done by giving feedback to the direction of the project.

### **What is the goal of this project?**

We want to Black students and their families to have a more positive school experience with access to services that meet their social, emotional, and behavioral health needs.

### **What is the time commitment?**

You will be asked to participate in 4 meetings each year that are 2 hours or less each. You will also be asked to provide guidance via email between meetings, when needed. In 2022, 2024, and 2026 we will invite you to attend a full-day meeting in Savannah, GA. Your participation will be compensated (\$50/hour) and expenses reimbursed.

### **What are the responsibilities?**

- Participate in 2 hour quarterly meetings.
- Offer guidance in between meetings as needed via email.
- Guide program evaluation.
- Provide advice for how the university uses the evaluation findings.

### **What will be asked to talk about?**

We want to hear your opinion on our project goals and feedback on our project plans. Please be reassured that you will not be asked to share your student's personal information nor will your information be given to schools associated with the study.

### **What is the compensation?**

As a thank you for your commitment to the advisory board you will be compensated at \$50 an hour. We will also reimburse any travel expenses such as gas, and/or hotel, food, and parking for full-day meetings in Savannah.

### **How can I learn more information?**

Email Melanie Sonsteng at [m.sonstengperson@ufl.edu](mailto:m.sonstengperson@ufl.edu) to express your interest.

OR

Sign up for one of our information sessions below to learn more.

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### **What is the process for joining the board?**

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