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Sample F: Acknowledgements

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Sample G: Abstract

ABSTRACT

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How they resolve these dilemmas...

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Provide a complete, succinct
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the purpose, methods, results, and
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CHAPTER I

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Research Problem

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Significance of the Study

Research Purpose and Questions

Definition of Key Terms

Conclusion

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CHAPTER II

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Graduation rates and School Funds

Impact of School District Size

LEP and Low Socioeconomic Status

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Pre-Kindergarten Programs

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Data Analysis

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CHAPTER IV

RESULTS

Participant Demographics

Research Question One

Table 4.1

Table of Participants

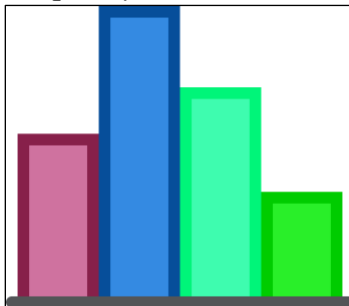
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Figure 4.1

Frequency Plot



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CHAPTER V

SUMMARY, IMPLICATIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Summary

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Richardson, L. (2012). *Helping Neighbourhoods Help Themselves. Adults Learning*, 23(4), 34-37.

Sharratt, L., & Fullan, M. (2006). *Accomplishing Districtwide Reform. Journal of School Leadership*, 16(5), 583-595.

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APPENDIX A

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