**Reflection 4 (Debriefing Session)**

**(To be conducted orally during the debriefing session held after placement)**

Now that you are back in the U.S., we would like you to reflect with us about what the experience has meant to you personally and professionally.

1. When you returned home from your overseas experience, what were your first impressions of the U.S? Did anything seem different?
2. What do you notice about yourself that is different from when you began the overseas student teaching experience? Provide specific examples.
3. Describe one difference between the school where you were placed overseas and the school where you completed your practicum experience in Kentucky.

Probe: Think about one aspect of the curriculum in the school where you were placed that is different from the curriculum you followed during your practicum experience in Kentucky

(e.g., content, strategies, resources/tools).

1. How do you plan to use what you learned from this experience in your teaching?
   1. What will you say to a principal or team interviewing you for a position to show how the international student teaching experience distinguishes you from candidates who have not had this kind of experience?
   2. What value can you add to the school as a result of having this experience?
   3. How has the program prepared you to be prepared to teach Kentucky’s mandated core-curriculum?
2. If you had to make the decision all over again, would you participate in the program? Why or why not?

*Note:* The debriefing session also serves as the *exit* interview from the teacher education program for COST participants. During the session, students will present highlight a signature or key piece from their presentation portfolios representing what they consider to be among their best work.

Related COST Survey Questions:

What differences did you observe about how teaching is taught in your host country school?

How might these differences influence your teaching in the future?

(Related to that, did you note differences in the pedagogy/strategies, resources/tools?)

Please provide examples of how you plan to use what you have learned from this experience in your teaching.

Describe your most positive or rewarding experience.

Describe the area you found most difficult (challenging).

What did you learn about yourself as a result of participating in the COST program?

(What is your biggest “take away”?)

Did this experience meet your expectations? Why or why not?