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Proposed Data Collections Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, call 404-639-4766 and send comments to Seleda Perryman, CDC Assistant Reports Clearance Officer, 1600 Clifton Road, MS-D74, Atlanta, GA 30333 or send an e-mail to [omb@cdc.gov](mailto:omb@cdc.gov).

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Proposed Project

**School Associated** Violent Death Surveillance System (0920-0604)-- Reinstatement without change--National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

The Division of Violence Prevention (DVP), National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC) proposes to maintain a system for the surveillance of **school-associated** homicides and suicides. The system will rely on existing public records and interviews with law enforcement officials and **school** officials. The purpose of the system is to (1) estimate the rate of **school-associated** violent death in the United States and (2) identify common features of **school-associated** violent deaths. The system will contribute to the understanding of fatal violence **associated** with schools, guide further research in the area, and help direct ongoing and future prevention programs.

Violence is the leading cause of death among young people, and increasingly recognized as an important public health and social issue. In 1998, over 3,500 **school** aged children (5 to 18 years old) in the United States died violent deaths due to suicide, homicide, and unintentional firearm injuries. The vast majority of these fatal injuries were not **school associated**. However, whenever a homicide or suicide occurs in or around **school**, it becomes a matter of particularly intense public interest and concern. NCIPC conducted the first

scientific study of **school-associated** violent deaths during the 1992-99 academic years to establish the true extent of this highly visible problem. Despite the important role of schools as a setting for violence research and prevention interventions, relatively little scientific or systematic work has been done to describe the nature and level of fatal violence **associated** with schools. Until NCIPC conducted the first nationwide investigation of violent deaths **associated** with schools, public health and education officials had to rely on limited local studies and estimated numbers to describe the extent of **school-associated** violent death.

The system will draw cases from the entire United States in attempting to capture all cases of **school-associated** violent deaths that have occurred. Investigators will review public records and published press reports concerning each **school-associated** violent death. For each identified case, investigators will also interview an investigating law enforcement official (defined as a police officer, police chief, or district attorney), and a **school** official (defined as a **school** principal, **school** superintendent, **school** counselor, **school** teacher, or **school** support staff) who are knowledgeable about the case in question. Researchers will request information on both the victim and alleged offender(s)--including demographic data, their academic and criminal records, and their relationship to one another. They will also collect data on the time and location of the death; the circumstances, motive, and method of the fatal injury; and the security and violence prevention activities in the **school** and community where the death occurred, before and after the fatal injury event. There are no costs to the respondents other than their time.

Estimate of Annualized Burden Table

| Average burden/<br>response (in<br>respondents | Total annual<br>Respondents<br>burden (in<br>hours) | Number of<br>respondents | Number of<br>responses/<br>respondents |
|--|---|--------------------------|--|
| <b>School Officials</b> .....                  |   |                          | 35                                     |
| 1 60/60  | 35  |                          |  |
| <b>Policy Officials</b> .....                  |   |                          | 35                                     |
| 1 60/60  | 35  |                          |  |
| <b>Total</b> .....                             |   |                          | 70                                     |
| 70   |   | 70                       |  |

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