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Subject: Fw: 200708-1850-007: The Effectiveness of a Program to Accelerate
Vocabulary Development in Kindergarten

Dear Karen,

In response to your inquiry to Question 7 of the VOCAB Study:

Question 7:

7. Please clarify specifically what data products will be produced, such as tables, microdata, etc. What disclosure review procedures are in place for such products?

Your e-mail stated:

We have just one follow-up question.

Item 7 continues to give the impression that the complete research file, "de-identified," will be released. This is akin to statistical agencies' public use micro-data files. Ensuring confidentiality is a complex activity going well beyond the removal of direct identifiers. It is Department of Education policy that any such micro-data files be approved by the Disclosure Review Board of the National Center for Education Statistics prior to release. Please assure OMB that you intend to follow D of Ed policy on this matter.

Our Response:

Thanks for the opportunity to clarify our response to your Item 7. We understand that confidentiality requires more than just removing direct identifiers. We are committed to following the Department of Education's policy regarding disclosure review procedures on this study.

We appreciate your careful attention to our application.

Ludy