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MEMORANDUM

TO:

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THROUGH: Regulatory Information Management Services

U.S. Department of Education

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Transmittal – OMB 83C Package for the SY 2010-11 Consolidated State

Performance Report (#1810-0614), Part I and Part II,

I am forwarding under OMB 83C proposed technical modifications to the Consolidated State Performance Report (CSPR) for the SY 2010-11 collection. The current CSPR was approved (OMB #1810-0614) in November 2010 and will expire November 30, 2013.

Part I of the SY 2010-11 CSPR will be due to the Department on or before December 16, 2011. Part II will be due on or before February 17, 2012.

We are requesting technical modifications to the CSPR to: (1) improve the quality and validity of the data the Department receives by improving the clarity and intent of questions; and (2) delete items that are not aligned with the reporting requirements. The proposed technical modifications result from questions and feedback we received from States during the SY 2009-10 CSPR submission periods, data quality issues program offices identified during data quality reviews of State submissions, and question-by-question reviews program offices conducted in consultation with the Office of General Counsel (OGC) to ensure that the wording of each question was clear and consistent with the intent of the governing statute, and that each question was yielding useful and/or necessary information.

Summary of Proposed Technical Modifications

Section 1.2: Participation in Assessments

- Modifies instructions to clarify which students should be included in the count.
- Updates racial/ethnic groups from five options to seven options for alignment with EDFacts and the OMB directive on reporting racial and ethnic data

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Section 1.3: Student Academic Achievement

 Updates racial/ethnic groups from five options to seven options for alignment with EDFacts and the OMB directive on reporting racial and ethnic data

Section 1.4: School and District Accountability

 Deletes items that predate the School Improvement Grants (SIG) final requirements issued in October 2010 and have been superseded by the new school-level items for Tier I and Tier II SIG schools that the Department will collect through EDFacts.

Section 1.5: Teacher Quality

 Adds a title for question number 1.5.3.1 to differentiate tables in the section and for alignment with the electronic submission system.

Section 1.9: Education for Homeless Children and Youths Program

- Deletes items because there is not enough variation in the number or percentage of LEAs with subgrants reporting the barriers to education to justify continuing to collect the data
- Modifies wording of the table to match proficiency wording in table 1.3.1
- Changes "served" to "enrolled" for EDFacts file specifications alignment
- Renumbers section to clarify organization and for improved data quality

Section 2.1: Improving Basic Programs Operated by Local Educational Agencies (Title I, Part A)

 Updates racial/ethnic groups from five options to seven options for alignment with EDFacts and the OMB directive on reporting racial and ethnic data

Section 2.3: Education of Migrant Children (Title I, Part C)

Adds "administrators" group and definition for EDFacts file specification alignment.

Section 2.4: Prevention and Intervention Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Neglected, Delinquent, or At Risk (Title I, Part D, Subparts 1 and 2)

- Updates racial/ethnic groups from five options to seven options for alignment with EDFacts and the OMB directive on reporting racial and ethnic data
- Separates "Juvenile Corrections" from "Juvenile Detentions" for EDFacts file specification alignment and improved data quality

The technical modifications requested will decrease the estimated burden hours for respondents by 79.5 hours. The specific modifications requested are detailed in Attachment A.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have questions, please contact Jane Clark of the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education's Office of the Assistant Secretary at 202-401-1373 or jane.clark@ed.gov.