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*A Spanish version will be created after OMB approval

Prenotification letter (front)

Resident Sample Member
12345 Sampled Ave
Cooperation, MD 20850

January XX, 2012

Dear [CITY] Household:

I am pleased to inform you that the U. S. Department of Education has selected your household to participate in the 2012 National Household Education Survey. This survey collects information on the education of people in the United States. The study provides vital information that is used to improve education for everyone - information that is not available anywhere else. The results will help policymakers, researchers, and educators understand the educational needs of our diverse population in changing times. This survey is about all of us!

Your household was chosen at random as part of this scientific study, and we cannot replace you with someone else. Although your participation is voluntary, your answers will make sure that households like yours are counted. Every type of household in America needs to be included in the survey.

You should receive the survey in the mail within the next week.

- It usually takes 5 minutes or less to fill out the survey.
- We will include a small token of our appreciation for your participation in this study with the survey.

If you would like more information on the study, please visit <http://surveys.nces.ed.gov/nhes/> or contact the U.S. Census Bureau, the agency conducting this study on our behalf, at X-XXX-XXX-XXXX.

Thank you in advance for your assistance with this important study.

Sincerely,



Jack Buckley
Commissioner
National Center for Education
Statistics

Prenotification letter (back)

Authorization and Confidentiality of Information

The National Center for Education Statistics within the U.S. Department of Education is authorized to conduct this survey under Section 9543, 20 U.S. Code. The U.S. Census Bureau is conducting this study for the U.S. Department of Education. Your participation is voluntary. Be assured that your answers will only be used for statistical purposes and that your individual responses will be protected to the fullest extent allowable under law (Section 9573, 20 U.S. Code). Your responses will be combined with those of others to produce statistics about the educational experiences of all Americans.

Screener cover letter

Resident Sample Member
12345 Sampled Ave
Cooperation, MD 20850

January XX, 2012

Dear [CITY] Household:

The U.S. Department of Education is conducting an important national research study, and we need your help. This survey is the first step in a study that provides vital information that is used to improve education for people of all ages - this information is not available anywhere else.

Please fill out this survey and mail it back in the postage-paid envelope that is provided.

- It usually takes 5 minutes or less to fill out these initial questions and only a few seconds if no one in your household is age 20 or younger.
- The questionnaire will help us find households with children and youths. This information is used to later ask those households about their educational experiences.
- Even if you have no infants or children in your household, it is important that you return this survey so that every type of household in America is represented. Simply answer the first question on the enclosed form and return it in the envelope that is provided.
- The results of this study will help policymakers, researchers, and educators understand the educational needs of our diverse population in changing times.

Your household was chosen as part of this voluntary scientific study, and we cannot replace you with someone else. All information you provide may only be used for statistical purposes and may not be disclosed, or used, in identifiable form for any other purpose except as required by law (Section 9573, 20 U.S. Code).

We have enclosed a {cash} token of our appreciation. The U.S. Census Bureau is conducting this survey on our behalf. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact them at X-XXX-XXX-XXXX. You can find more information about this study online at <http://surveys.nces.ed.gov/nhes/>.

Thank you for taking part in this important study.

Sincerely,



Jack Buckley
Commissioner
National Center for Education
Statistics

Enclosure

1st nonresponse follow-up screener cover letter

Resident Sample Member
12345 Sampled Ave
Cooperation, MD 20850

February XX, 2012

Dear [CITY] Household:

The U.S. Department of Education is conducting an important national research study, and we need your help. In early January, we mailed a survey to your address and asked that a member of your household complete and return the questionnaire. We have not yet received your response. We are writing again because we need your help. This survey is the first step in a study that provides vital information that is used to improve education for people of all ages - information that is not available anywhere else.

Please fill out this survey and mail it back in the postage-paid envelope that is provided.

- It usually takes only a few minutes to fill out.
- The brief questionnaire enclosed will help us find households with children and youths. This information is used to later ask those households about their educational experiences.
- Even if you have no children in your household, it is important to us that you return this survey. Every type of household in America needs to be included.

Your household was chosen as part of this voluntary scientific study, and we cannot replace you with someone else. All information you provide may only be used for statistical purposes and may not be disclosed, or used, in identifiable form for any other purpose except as required by law (Section 9573, 20 U.S. Code).

The U.S. Census Bureau is conducting this survey on our behalf. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact them at X-XXX-XXX-XXXX. You can find more information about this study online at <http://surveys.nces.ed.gov/nhes/>.

The results of this study will help policymakers, researchers, and educators understand the educational needs of our diverse population in changing times. Thank you for taking part in this important study.

Sincerely,



Jack Buckley
Commissioner
National Center for Education
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2nd nonresponse follow-up screener cover letter

Resident Sample Member
12345 Sampled Ave
Cooperation, MD 20850

February XX, 2012

Dear [CITY] Household:

I am writing to request that a member of your household complete a brief questionnaire as part of an important national research study being conducted by the U.S. Department of Education. I have written twice previously, but we have not yet received your completed questionnaire.

We have mailed this third questionnaire using rush delivery because of the importance of your response.

As mentioned in earlier letters, this short questionnaire is the first step in a study that provides valuable information that is used to improve education for people of all ages – information that is not available anywhere else. The results will help policymakers, researchers, and educators understand the educational needs of our nation. Your household was selected to represent thousands of households like yours, and every type of household in America needs to be included in the survey.

The U.S. Census Bureau is conducting this survey on our behalf. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact them at X-XXX-XXX-XXXX. You can find more information about this study online at <http://surveys.nces.ed.gov/nhes/>.

Please fill out the enclosed questionnaire and return it in the postage-paid envelope as soon as possible. Thank you for taking part in this important study.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Buckley", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jack Buckley
Commissioner
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3rd nonresponse follow-up screener cover letter

Resident Sample Member
12345 Sampled Ave
Cooperation, MD 20850

February XX, 2012

Dear [CITY] Household:

I am writing to request a few minutes of your time to help with a vital study being conducted by the U.S. Department of Education.

The short questionnaire enclosed helps us to identify households with infants and children up to the age of 20 for this national education research study. Even if your household does not have anyone under the age of 20, it is important that you return a completed survey to us within the next two weeks using the enclosed envelope.

The U.S. Census Bureau is conducting this survey on our behalf. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact them at X-XXX-XXX-XXXX. You can find more information about this study online at <http://surveys.nces.ed.gov/nhes/>.

Thank you for taking part in this important study.

Sincerely,



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Reminder postcards

Screener (will be in English and Spanish)

January 2012

Last week we mailed you a questionnaire for the National Household Education Survey, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education. If someone in your household has already returned the survey, we thank you very much for your help.

If you have not completed and returned your survey, please do so right away. We need to hear from everyone and your help is very important to us. Your household was randomly selected to take part in this survey and cannot be replaced.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at X-XXX-XXX-XXXX or visit our website <http://surveys.nces.ed.gov/nhes/>. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jack Buckley, Commissioner, National Center for Education Statistics

Topical

{Month} 2012

Last week we mailed you a follow-up questionnaire for the National Household Education Survey, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education. That questionnaire is the second and final step in learning about your child's educational experiences.

If someone in your household has already returned the survey, thank you for your prompt response. If you have not completed and returned your survey, please do so right away. We need to hear from everyone and your help is very important to us.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at X-XXX-XXX-XXXX or visit our website <http://surveys.nces.ed.gov/nhes/>. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jack Buckley, Commissioner, National Center for Education Statistics

ECPP 1st mailing cover letter

Resident Sample Member
12345 Sampled Ave
Cooperation, MD 20850

{MONTH} XX, 2012

Dear Parent of {CHILD}:

A few weeks ago your household completed a short survey for the U.S. Department of Education. Thank you for your response. I'm now asking you to help us by completing the final part of this important study. The study is used by educators, policymakers, and researchers to understand the educational experiences and needs of all children in the United States.

The survey you returned to us stated that the child listed below lives in this household. When completing the enclosed survey please answer about:

{Child, age X, Xth grade}

This national education study will provide much-needed information about children's early learning, the programs in which children participate, and how families prepare children for school. Your response to this survey is important as it will help provide a clear picture of children's educational experiences in the United States. Please be assured that your participation is voluntary and all information you give may be used only for statistical purposes and may not be disclosed, or used, in identifiable form for any other purpose except as required by law (Section 9573, 20 US Code). Your responses will be combined with those of others to produce national statistics about children's educational experiences.

The National Center for Education Statistics, within the Department of Education, is authorized to conduct this survey (Section 9543, 20 US Code). The U.S. Census Bureau is administering the survey on our behalf. More details about the study are provided on the back of the enclosed survey and online at <http://surveys.nces.ed.gov/nhes/>.

We have enclosed \$(tbd) as a token of appreciation for your participation in this study. Thank you in advance for your continued participation. The survey should only take about 20 minutes to complete. Please return the completed survey in the enclosed envelope. If you have any questions about the study or need replacement materials please call the Census Bureau toll-free at X-XXX-XXX-XXXX.

Sincerely,



Jack Buckley
Commissioner
National Center for Education

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PFI 1st mailing cover letter

Resident Sample Member
12345 Sampled Ave
Cooperation, MD 20850

{MONTH} XX, 2012

Dear Parent of {CHILD}:

A few weeks ago your household completed a short survey for the U.S. Department of Education. Thank you for your response. I'm now asking you to help us by completing the final part of this important study. The study is used by educators, policymakers, and researchers to understand the educational experiences and needs of all children in the United States.

The survey you returned to us stated that the child listed below lives in this household. When completing the enclosed survey please answer about:

{Child, age X, Xth grade}

This national education study will provide much-needed information on how schools and families work together to promote children's learning. Your response to this survey is important as it will help provide a clear picture of children's educational experiences in the United States. Please be assured that your participation is voluntary and all information you give may be used only for statistical purposes and may not be disclosed, or used, in identifiable form for any other purpose except as required by law (Section 9573, 20 US Code). Your responses will be combined with those of others to produce national statistics about children's educational experiences.

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We have enclosed \$(tbd) as a token of appreciation for your participation in this study. Thank you in advance for your continued participation. The survey should only take about 20 minutes to complete. Please return the completed survey in the enclosed envelope. If you have any questions about the study or need replacement materials please call the Census Bureau toll-free at X-XXX-XXX-XXXX.

Sincerely,



Jack Buckley
Commissioner
National Center for Education

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Homeschool 1st mailing cover letter

Resident Sample Member
12345 Sampled Ave
Cooperation, MD 20850

{MONTH} XX, 2012

Dear Parent of {CHILD}:

A few weeks ago your household completed a short survey for the U.S. Department of Education. Thank you for your response. I'm now asking you to help us by completing the final part of this important study.

- This national education study is the **only study that provides nationally representative information on homeschooling** practices and resources in the United States.
- Although your participation is voluntary, **your response to this survey is important**. It will help provide a clear picture of all children's educational experiences in the United States.

The survey you returned to us stated that the child listed below lives in this household. When completing the enclosed survey please answer about:

{Child, age X}

Please be assured that all information you give may be used only for statistical purposes and may not be disclosed, or used, in identifiable form for any other purpose except as required by law (Section 9573, 20 US Code). Your responses will be combined with those of others to produce national statistics about children's educational experiences.

The National Center for Education Statistics, within the Department of Education, is authorized to conduct this survey (Section 9543, 20 US Code). The U.S. Census Bureau is administering the survey on our behalf. More details about the study are provided on the back of the enclosed survey and online at <http://nces.ed.gov/nhes>.

We have enclosed \$(tbd) as a token of appreciation for your participation in this study. Thank you in advance for your continued participation. The survey should only take about 20 minutes to complete. Please return the completed survey in the enclosed envelope. If you have any questions about the study or are no longer homeschooling this child, please call the Census Bureau toll-free at X-XXX-XXX-XXXX.

Sincerely,



Jack Buckley
Commissioner
National Center for Education

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ECPP 1st nonresponse follow-up cover letter

Resident Sample Member
12345 Sampled Ave
Cooperation, MD 20850

{MONTH} XX, 2012

Dear Parent of {CHILD}:

The U.S. Department of Education is conducting an important national education study about children's early learning, the programs in which children participate, and how families prepare children for school. About three weeks ago, we mailed a survey to your household about the child listed below.

{Child, age X, Xth grade}

We have not yet received a response from your household. You were sent that survey (and the replacement enclosed with this letter) because your household returned a short survey for the U.S. Department of Education. We are writing again because your household's response is important in ensuring that the U.S. Department of Education obtains accurate results.

Please fill out the enclosed survey and mail it back in the postage-paid envelope as soon as possible. It should only take 20 minutes or less to fill out this survey. This survey is the final part of this important study.

If you have questions or need assistance, the U.S. Census Bureau (the agency conducting this survey on our behalf) will be happy to help and can be reached by telephone at X-XXX-XXX-XXXX. More details about the study are provided on the back of the enclosed survey and online at <http://surveys.nces.ed.gov/nhes/>.

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PFI 1st nonresponse follow-up cover letter

Resident Sample Member
12345 Sampled Ave
Cooperation, MD 20850

{MONTH} XX, 2012

Dear Parent of {CHILD}:

The U.S. Department of Education is conducting an important national education study that provides vital information on how schools and families work together to promote children's learning. About three weeks ago, we mailed a survey to your household about the child listed below.

{Child, age X, Xth grade}

We have not yet received a response from your household. You were sent that survey (and the replacement enclosed with this letter) because your household returned a short survey for the U.S. Department of Education. We are writing again because your household's response is important in ensuring that the U.S. Department of Education obtains accurate results.

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Homeschool 1st nonresponse follow-up cover letter

Resident Sample Member
12345 Sampled Ave
Cooperation, MD 20850

{MONTH} XX, 2012

Dear Parent of {CHILD}:

The U.S. Department of Education is conducting an important national education study that provides nationally representative information on homeschooling practices and resources in the United States. About three weeks ago, we mailed a survey to your household about the child listed below.

{Child, age X, Xth grade}

We have not yet received a response from your household. You were sent that survey (and the replacement enclosed with this letter) because your household returned a short survey for the U.S. Department of Education. We are writing again because your household's response is important in ensuring that the U.S. Department of Education obtains accurate results.

Please fill out the enclosed survey and mail it back in the postage-paid envelope as soon as possible. It should only take 20 minutes or less to fill out this survey. This survey is the final part of this important study.

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ECPP 2nd nonresponse follow-up cover letter

Resident Sample Member
12345 Sampled Ave
Cooperation, MD 20850

{MONTH} XX, 2012

Dear Parent of {CHILD}:

I wrote in {MONTH} to request that your household complete a brief questionnaire about the child listed below. The child was selected based on an earlier survey that your household filled out.

{Child, age X, Xth grade}

Unfortunately, we have not yet received your completed questionnaire. You were sent those surveys (and the replacement enclosed with this letter) because your household filled out a short survey for the U.S. Department of Education. In that short survey, you told us this child lived here, and we have randomly selected that child to ask about in this follow-up survey.

We have mailed this third replacement questionnaire using rush delivery because of the importance of your response.

As mentioned before, this survey is the final step in a study that provides valuable information about children's early learning, the programs in which children participate, and how families prepare children for school. Your response to this survey will help provide a clear picture of children's educational experiences in the United States.

Please fill out the enclosed survey and mail it back in the postage-paid envelope **as soon as possible**.

- It should only take 20 minutes or less to fill out this survey.

If you have questions or need assistance, the U.S. Census Bureau (the agency conducting this survey on our behalf) will be happy to help and can be reached by telephone at X-XXX-XXX-XXXX. More details about the study are provided on the back of the enclosed survey and online at <http://surveys.nces.ed.gov/nhes/>. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Jack Buckley
Commissioner
National Center for Education

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PFI 2nd nonresponse follow-up cover letter

Resident Sample Member
12345 Sampled Ave
Cooperation, MD 20850

{MONTH} XX, 2012

Dear Parent of {CHILD}:

I wrote in {MONTH} to request that your household complete a brief questionnaire about the child listed below. The child was selected based on an earlier survey that your household filled out.

{Child, age X, Xth grade}

Unfortunately, we have not yet received your completed questionnaire. You were sent those surveys (and the replacement enclosed with this letter) because your household filled out a short survey for the U.S. Department of Education. In that short survey, you told us this child lived here, and we have randomly selected that child to ask about in this follow-up survey.

We have mailed this third questionnaire using rush delivery because of the importance of your response.

As mentioned before, this survey is the final step in a study that provides valuable information on how schools and families work together to promote children's learning. Your response to this survey will help provide a clear picture of children's educational experiences in the United States.

Please fill out the enclosed survey and mail it back in the postage-paid envelope **as soon as possible**.

- It should only take 20 minutes or less to fill out this survey.

If you have questions or need assistance, the U.S. Census Bureau (the agency conducting this survey on our behalf) will be happy to help and can be reached by telephone at X-XXX-XXX-XXX. More details about the study are provided on the back of the enclosed survey and online at <http://surveys.nces.ed.gov/nhes/>. Thank you.

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Homeschool 2nd nonresponse follow-up cover letter

Resident Sample Member
12345 Sampled Ave
Cooperation, MD 20850

{MONTH} XX, 2012

Dear Parent of {CHILD}:

I wrote in {MONTH} to request that your household complete a brief questionnaire about the child listed below. The child was selected based on an earlier survey that your household filled out.

{Child, age X, Xth grade}

Unfortunately, we have not yet received your completed questionnaire. You were sent those surveys (and the replacement enclosed with this letter) because your household filled out a short survey for the U.S. Department of Education. In that short survey, you told us this child lived here, and we have randomly selected that child to ask about in this follow-up survey.

We have mailed this third questionnaire using rush delivery because of the importance of your response.

As mentioned before, this survey is the final step in a study that provides important information on homeschooling practices and resources. Your response to this survey will help provide a clear picture of children's educational experiences in the United States.

Please fill out the enclosed survey and mail it back in the postage-paid envelope **as soon as possible**.

- It should only take 20 minutes or less to fill out this survey.

If you have questions or need assistance, the U.S. Census Bureau (the agency conducting this survey on our behalf) will be happy to help and can be reached by telephone at X-XXX-XXX-XXXX. More details about the study are provided on the back of the enclosed survey and online at <http://surveys.nces.ed.gov/nhes/>. Thank you.

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All Topicals 3rd nonresponse follow-up cover letter

Resident Sample Member
12345 Sampled Ave
Cooperation, MD 20850

{MONTH} XX, 2012

Dear Parent of {CHILD}:

I have written previously to request that your household complete a questionnaire about the child listed below. Unfortunately, we have not yet received your completed questionnaire. The results of this study are used by policymakers, researchers and educators to understand and improve education in the United States.

This is your household's last opportunity to participate in this important education study.

It should only take 20 minutes or less to fill out this survey. Please respond about the child listed below:

{Child, age X, Xth grade}

Once you have completed the survey, enclose it in the envelope provided and return it **as soon as possible**. The postage is already paid so you can drop it in any mailbox.

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Census prenotification letter (front)

Resident Sample Member
12345 Sampled Ave
Cooperation, MD 20850

January XX, 2012

Dear [CITY] Household:

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Sincerely,

Robert Groves
Director
U.S. Census Bureau

Census prenotification letter (back)

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Census screener cover letter

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12345 Sampled Ave
Cooperation, MD 20850

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Please fill out this survey and mail it back in the postage-paid envelope that is provided.

- It usually takes 5 minutes or less to fill out these initial questions and only a few seconds if no one in your household is age 20 or younger.
- The questionnaire will help us find households with children and youths. This information is used to later ask those households about their educational experiences.
- Even if you have no infants or children in your household, it is important that you return this survey so that every type of household in America is represented. Simply answer the first question on the enclosed form and return it in the envelope that is provided.
- The results of this study will help policymakers, researchers, and educators understand the educational needs of our diverse population in changing times.

Your household was chosen as part of this voluntary scientific study, and we cannot replace you with someone else. All information you provide may only be used for statistical purposes and may not be disclosed, or used, in identifiable form for any other purpose except as required by law (Section 9573, 20 U.S. Code).

We have enclosed a {cash} token of our appreciation. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact us at X-XXX-XXX-XXXX. You can find more information about this study online at <http://surveys.nces.ed.gov/nhes/>.

Thank you for taking part in this important study.

Sincerely,

Robert Groves
Director
U.S. Census Bureau

Enclosure

Census 1st nonresponse follow-up screener cover letter

Resident Sample Member
12345 Sampled Ave
Cooperation, MD 20850

February XX, 2012

Dear [CITY] Household:

The U.S. Census Bureau is conducting an important national research study for the U.S. Department of Education, and we need your help. In early January, we mailed a survey to your address and asked that a member of your household complete and return the questionnaire. We have not yet received your response. We are writing again because we need your help. This survey is the first step in a study that provides vital information that is used to improve education for people of all ages – information that is not available anywhere else.

Please fill out this survey and mail it back in the postage-paid envelope that is provided.

- It usually takes only a few minutes to fill out.
- The brief questionnaire enclosed will help us find households with children and youths. This information is used to later ask those households about their educational experiences.
- Even if you have no children in your household, it is important to us that you return this survey. Every type of household in America needs to be included.

Your household was chosen as part of this voluntary scientific study, and we cannot replace you with someone else. All information you provide may only be used for statistical purposes and may not be disclosed, or used, in identifiable form for any other purpose except as required by law (Section 9573, 20 U.S. Code).

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact us at X-XXX-XXX-XXXX. You can find more information about this study online at <http://surveys.nces.ed.gov/nhes/>.

The results of this study will help policymakers, researchers, and educators understand the educational needs of our diverse population in changing times. Thank you for taking part in this important study.

Sincerely,

Robert Groves
Director
U.S. Census Bureau

Enclosure

Census 2nd nonresponse follow-up screener cover letter

Resident Sample Member
12345 Sampled Ave
Cooperation, MD 20850

February XX, 2012

Dear [CITY] Household:

I am writing to request that a member of your household complete a brief questionnaire as part of an important national research study being conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau for the U.S. Department of Education. I have written twice previously, but we have not yet received your completed questionnaire.

We have mailed this third questionnaire using rush delivery because of the importance of your response.

As mentioned in earlier letters, this short questionnaire is the first step in a study that provides valuable information that is used to improve education for people of all ages - information that is not available anywhere else. The results will help policymakers, researchers, and educators understand the educational needs of our nation. Your household was selected to represent

thousands of households like yours, and every type of household in America needs to be included in the survey.

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact us at X-XXX-XXX-XXXX. You can find more information about this study online at <http://surveys.nces.ed.gov/nhes/>.

Please fill out the enclosed questionnaire and return it in the postage-paid envelope as soon as possible. Thank you for taking part in this important study.

Sincerely,

Robert Groves
Director
U.S. Census Bureau

Enclosure

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Census 3rd nonresponse follow-up screener cover letter

Resident Sample Member
12345 Sampled Ave
Cooperation, MD 20850

February XX, 2012

Dear [CITY] Household:

I am writing to request a few minutes of your time to help with a vital study being conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau for the Department of Education.

The short questionnaire enclosed helps us to identify households with infants and children up to the age of 20 for this national education research study. Even if your household does not have anyone under the age of 20, it is important that you return a completed survey to us within the next two weeks using the enclosed envelope.

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact them at X-XXX-XXX-XXXX. You can find more information about this study online at <http://surveys.nces.ed.gov/nhes/>.

Thank you for taking part in this important study.

Sincerely,



Jack Buckley
Commissioner
National Center for Education
Statistics

Enclosure

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Census reminder postcards

Screener (will be in English and Spanish)

{January} 2012

Last week we mailed you a questionnaire for the National Household Education Survey, which is being conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau for the U.S. Department of Education. If someone in your household has already returned the survey, we thank you very much for your help.

If you have not completed and returned your survey, please do so right away. We need to hear from everyone and your help is very important to us. Your household was randomly selected to take part in this survey and cannot be replaced.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at X-XXX-XXX-XXXX or visit our website <http://surveys.nces.ed.gov/nhes/>. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert Groves, Director, U.S. Census Bureau

Topical

{Month} 2012

Last week we mailed you a follow-up questionnaire for the National Household Education Survey, which is being conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau for the U.S. Department of Education. That questionnaire is the second and final step in learning about your child's educational experiences.

If someone in your household has already returned the survey, thank you for your prompt response. If you have not completed and returned your survey, please do so right away. We need to hear from everyone and your help is very important to us.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at 1-888-880-3033 or visit our website <http://surveys.nces.ed.gov/nhes/>. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert Groves, Director, U.S. Census Bureau

Census ECPP cover letter

Resident Sample Member
12345 Sampled Ave
Cooperation, MD 20850

{MONTH} XX, 2012

Dear Parent of {CHILD}:

A few weeks ago your household completed a short survey that the U.S. Census Bureau is conducting for the U.S. Department of Education. Thank you for your response. I'm now asking you to help us by completing the final part of this important study. The study is used by educators, policymakers, and researchers to understand the educational experiences and needs of all children in the United States.

The survey you returned to us stated that the child listed below lives in this household. When completing the enclosed survey please answer about:

{Child, age X, Xth grade}

This national education study will provide much-needed information about children's early learning, the programs in which children participate, and how families prepare children for school. Your response to this survey is important as it will help provide a clear picture of children's educational experiences in the United States. Please be assured that your participation is voluntary and all information you give may be used only for statistical purposes and may not be disclosed, or used, in identifiable form for any other purpose except as required by law (Section 9573, 20 US Code). Your responses will be combined with those of others to produce national statistics about children's educational experiences.

The National Center for Education Statistics, within the Department of Education, is authorized to conduct this survey (Section 9543, 20 US Code). The U.S. Census Bureau is administering the survey on behalf of the Department of Education. More details about the study are provided on the back of the enclosed survey and online at <http://surveys.nces.ed.gov/nhes/>.

We have enclosed \$(tbd) as a token of appreciation for your participation in this study. Thank you in advance for your continued participation. The survey should only take about 20 minutes to complete. Please return the completed survey in the enclosed envelope. If you have any questions about the study or need replacement materials please call us toll-free at X-XXX-XXX-XXXX.

Sincerely,

Robert Groves
Director
U.S. Census Bureau

Enclosure

Census PFI cover letter

Resident Sample Member
12345 Sampled Ave
Cooperation, MD 20850

{MONTH} XX, 2012

Dear Parent of {CHILD}:

A few weeks ago your household completed a short survey that the U.S. Census Bureau is conducting for the U.S. Department of Education. Thank you for your response. I'm now asking you to help us by completing the final part of this important study. The study is used by educators, policymakers, and researchers to understand the educational experiences and needs of all children in the United States.

The survey you returned to us stated that the child listed below lives in this household. When completing the enclosed survey please answer about:

{Child, age X, Xth grade}

This national education study will provide much-needed information about how schools and families work together to promote children's learning. Your response to this survey is important as it will help provide a clear picture of children's educational experiences in the United States. Please be assured that your participation is voluntary and all information you give may be used only for statistical purposes and may not be disclosed, or used, in identifiable form for any other purpose except as required by law (Section 9573, 20 US Code). Your responses will be combined with those of others to produce national statistics about children's educational experiences.

The National Center for Education Statistics, within the Department of Education, is authorized to conduct this survey (Section 9543, 20 US Code). The U.S. Census Bureau is administering the survey on behalf of the

Department of Education. More details about the study are provided on the back of the enclosed survey and online at <http://surveys.nces.ed.gov/nhes/>.

We have enclosed \$(tbd) as a token of appreciation for your participation in this study. Thank you in advance for your continued participation. The survey should only take about 20 minutes to complete. Please return the completed survey in the enclosed envelope. If you have any questions about the study or need replacement materials please call us toll-free at X-XXX-XXX-XXXX.

Sincerely,

Robert Groves
Director
U.S. Census Bureau

Enclosure

Census Homeschool cover letter

Resident Sample Member
12345 Sampled Ave
Cooperation, MD 20850

{MONTH} XX, 2012

Dear Parent of {CHILD}:

A few weeks ago your household completed a short survey that the U.S. Census Bureau is conducting for the U.S. Department of Education. Thank you for your response. I'm now asking you to help us by completing the final part of this important study.

- This national education study is the **only study that provides nationally representative information on homeschooling** practices and resources in the United States.
- Although your participation is voluntary, **your response to this survey is important**. It will help provide a clear picture of all children's educational experiences in the United States.

The survey you returned to us stated that the child listed below lives in this household. When completing the enclosed survey please answer about:

{Child, age X}

Please be assured that all information you give may be used only for statistical purposes and may not be disclosed, or used, in identifiable form for any other purpose except as required by law (Section 9573, 20 US Code). Your responses will be combined with those of others to produce national statistics about children's educational experiences.

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We have enclosed \$(tbd) as a token of appreciation for your participation in this study. Thank you in advance for your continued participation. The survey should only take about 20 minutes to complete. Please return the completed survey in the enclosed envelope. If you have any questions about the study or need replacement materials please call us toll-free at X-XXX-XXX-XXXX.

Sincerely,

Robert Groves
Director
U.S. Census Bureau

Enclosure
Census ECPP 1st nonresponse follow-up cover letter

Resident Sample Member
12345 Sampled Ave
Cooperation, MD 20850

{MONTH} XX, 2012

Dear Parent of {CHILD}:

The U.S. Census Bureau is conducting an important national education study for the U.S. Department of Education about children's early learning, the programs in which children participate, and how families prepare children for school. About three weeks ago, we mailed a survey to your household about the child listed below.

{Child, age X, Xth grade}

We have not yet received a response from your household. You were sent that survey (and the replacement enclosed with this letter) because your

household returned a short survey that we are conducting for the U.S. Department of Education. We are writing again because your household's response is important in ensuring that the U.S. Department of Education obtains accurate results.

Please fill out the enclosed survey and mail it back in the postage-paid envelope as soon as possible. It should only take 20 minutes or less to fill out this survey. This survey is the final part of this important study.

If you have questions or need assistance, we will be happy to help and can be reached by telephone at X-XXX-XXX-XXXX. More details about the study are provided on the back of the enclosed survey and online at <http://surveys.nces.ed.gov/nhes/>.

Sincerely,

Robert Groves
Director
U.S. Census Bureau

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Census PFI 1st nonresponse follow-up cover letter

Resident Sample Member
12345 Sampled Ave
Cooperation, MD 20850

{MONTH} XX, 2012

Dear Parent of {CHILD}:

The U.S. Census Bureau is conducting an important national education study for the U.S. Department of Education that provides vital information

on how schools and families work together to promote children's learning. About three weeks ago, we mailed a survey to your household about the child listed below.

{Child, age X, Xth grade}

We have not yet received a response from your household. You were sent that survey (and the replacement enclosed with this letter) because your household returned a short survey that we are conducting for the U.S. Department of Education. We are writing again because your household's response is important in ensuring that the U.S. Department of Education obtains accurate results.

Please fill out the enclosed survey and mail it back in the postage-paid envelope as soon as possible. It should only take 20 minutes or less to fill out this survey. This survey is the final part of this important study.

If you have questions or need assistance, we will be happy to help and can be reached by telephone at X-XXX-XXX-XXXX. More details about the study are provided on the back of the enclosed survey and online at <http://surveys.nces.ed.gov/nhes/>.

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Census Homeschool 1st nonresponse follow-up cover letter

Resident Sample Member
12345 Sampled Ave
Cooperation, MD 20850

{MONTH} XX, 2012

Dear Parent of {CHILD}:

The U.S. Census Bureau is conducting an important national education study for the U.S. Department of Education that provides nationally representative information on homeschooling practices and resources in the United States. About three weeks ago, we mailed a survey to your household about the child listed below.

{Child, age X, Xth grade}

We have not yet received a response from your household. You were sent that survey (and the replacement enclosed with this letter) because your household returned a short survey that we are conducting for the U.S. Department of Education. We are writing again because your household's response is important in ensuring that the U.S. Department of Education obtains accurate results.

Please fill out the enclosed survey and mail it back in the postage-paid envelope as soon as possible. It should only take 20 minutes or less to fill out this survey. This survey is the final part of this important study.

If you have questions or need assistance, we will be happy to help and can be reached by telephone at X-XXX-XXX-XXXX. More details about the study are provided on the back of the enclosed survey and online at <http://surveys.nces.ed.gov/nhes/>.

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Census ECPP 2nd nonresponse follow-up cover letter

Resident Sample Member
12345 Sampled Ave
Cooperation, MD 20850

{MONTH} XX, 2012

Dear Parent of {CHILD}:

I wrote in {MONTH} to request that your household complete a brief questionnaire about the child listed below. The child was selected based on an earlier survey that your household filled out.

{Child, age X, Xth grade}

Unfortunately, we have not yet received your completed questionnaire. You were sent those surveys (and the replacement enclosed with this letter) because your household filled out a short survey that the U.S. Census Bureau is conducting for the U.S. Department of Education. In that short survey, you told us this child lived here, and we have randomly selected that child to ask about in this follow-up survey.

We have mailed this third replacement questionnaire using rush delivery because of the importance of your response.

As mentioned before, this survey is the final step in a study that provides valuable information about children's early learning, the programs in which children participate, and how families prepare children for school. Your response to this survey will help provide a clear picture of children's educational experiences in the United States.

Please fill out the enclosed survey and mail it back in the postage-paid envelope **as soon as possible**.

- It should only take 20 minutes or less to fill out this survey.

If you have questions or need assistance, we will be happy to help and can be reached by telephone at X-XXX-XXX-XXXX. More details about the study are provided on the back of the enclosed survey and online at <http://surveys.nces.ed.gov/nhes/>. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Enclosure

Robert Groves
Director
U.S. Census Bureau

Census ECPP^{2nd} nonresponse follow-up cover letter - Back page

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Census PFI 2nd nonresponse follow-up cover letter

Resident Sample Member
12345 Sampled Ave
Cooperation, MD 20850

{MONTH} XX, 2012

Dear Parent of {CHILD}:

I wrote in {MONTH} to request that your household complete a brief questionnaire about the child listed below. The child was selected based on an earlier survey that your household filled out.

{Child, age X, Xth grade}

Unfortunately, we have not yet received your completed questionnaire. You were sent those surveys (and the replacement enclosed with this letter) because your household filled out a short survey that the U.S. Census Bureau is conducting for the U.S. Department of Education. In that short survey, you told us this child lived here, and we have randomly selected that child to ask about in this follow-up survey.

We have mailed this third questionnaire using rush delivery because of the importance of your response.

As mentioned before, this survey is the final step in a study that provides valuable information on how schools and families work together to promote children's learning. Your response to this survey will help provide a clear picture of children's educational experiences in the United States.

Please fill out the enclosed survey and mail it back in the postage-paid envelope **as soon as possible**.

- It should only take 20 minutes or less to fill out this survey.

If you have questions or need assistance, we will be happy to help and can be reached by telephone at X-XXX-XXX-XXXX. More details about the study are provided on the back of the enclosed survey and online at <http://surveys.nces.ed.gov/nhes/>. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Enclosure

Robert Groves
Director
U.S. Census Bureau

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Census Homeschool 2nd nonresponse follow-up cover letter

Resident Sample Member
12345 Sampled Ave
Cooperation, MD 20850

{MONTH} XX, 2012

Dear Parent of {CHILD}:

I wrote in {MONTH} to request that your household complete a brief questionnaire about the child listed below. The child was selected based on an earlier survey that your household filled out.

{Child, age X, Xth grade}

Unfortunately, we have not yet received your completed questionnaire. You were sent those surveys (and the replacement enclosed with this letter) because your household filled out a short survey that the U.S. Census Bureau is conducting for the U.S. Department of Education. In that short survey, you told us this child lived here, and we have randomly selected that child to ask about in this follow-up survey.

We have mailed this third questionnaire using rush delivery because of the importance of your response.

As mentioned before, this survey is the final step in a study that provides important information on homeschooling practices and resources. Your response to this survey will help provide a clear picture of children's educational experiences in the United States.

Please fill out the enclosed survey and mail it back in the postage-paid envelope **as soon as possible**.

- It should only take 20 minutes or less to fill out this survey.

If you have questions or need assistance, we will be happy to help and can be reached by telephone at X-XXX-XXX-XXXX. More details about the study are provided on the back of the enclosed survey and online at <http://surveys.nces.ed.gov/nhes/>. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Enclosure

Robert Groves
Director
U.S. Census Bureau

Census Homeschool 2nd nonresponse follow-up cover letter - Back page

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Census All Topicals 3rd nonresponse follow-up cover letter

Resident Sample Member
12345 Sampled Ave
Cooperation, MD 20850

{MONTH} XX, 2012

Dear Parent of {CHILD}:

I have written previously to request that your household complete a questionnaire about the child listed below. Unfortunately, we have not yet received your completed questionnaire. The results of this study are used by policymakers, researchers and educators to understand and improve education in the United States.

This is your household's last opportunity to participate in this important education study.

It should only take 20 minutes or less to fill out this survey. Please respond about the child listed below:

{Child, age X, Xth grade}

Once you have completed the survey, enclose it in the envelope provided and return it **as soon as possible**. The postage is already paid so you can drop it in any mailbox.

If you have questions or need assistance, we will be happy to help and can be reached by telephone at X-XXX-XXX-XXXX. More details about the study are provided on the back of the enclosed survey and online at <http://surveys.nces.ed.gov/nhes/>.

Sincerely,

Robert Groves
Director
U.S. Census Bureau

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