**MEMORANDUM OMB # 1850-0803 v.179**

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SUBJECT: National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) Pretesting of Survey and Cognitive Items for Pilot in 2017 and 2018 Update Revised [revision to a previously approved revised package (1850-0803 v.155)]

This request is to increase grade 12 tryout time from 60 minutes to 90 minutes for NAEP pretesting of cognitive items for pilot in 2018 (originally approved in October 2015, OMB #01850-0803 v. 146, with revision approved in April 2016, OMB #01850-0803 v. 155). Since the revised submission, the scope of the grade 12 reading and mathematics cognitive items tryout activities has increased. Extending the grade 12 tryout session time from 60 to 90 minutes will allow for pretesting two tasks with each student, along with sufficient time for greeting, instruction, and distribution of gift cards. As a result, we request to increase the study’s total time burden by 100 hours. Although there will be an increase in burden, no additional costs to the federal government will be incurred. Other than these specific changes, the objectives and scope of these pretesting activities remain the same as in the previous, approved request.

The table below (Table 6, numbered as in Volume I) details the requested changes to the estimated respondent burden. Cells highlighted in yellow pinpoint the changes.

Table 6. Hourly Burden for Reading and Mathematics Cognitive Items Tryouts

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|  | **Previous Estimates (v.155)** | | | **Revised Estimates (v.179)** | | |
| **Respondent** | **Hours per respondent** | **Number of respondents** | **Total hours** | **Hours per respondent** | **Number of respondents** | **Total hours** |
| Student Recruitment via Teachers and Staff | | | | | | |
| Initial contact with staff: e-mail or phone, flyer distribution, and planning | 0.33 | 54 | 18 | 0.33 | 54 | 18 |
| **Sub-Total** |  | **54** | **18** |  | **54** | **18** |
| Parent or Legal Guardian, and Student (18 or older) | | | | | | |
| Initial flyer review or phone screener | 0.08 | 1,068 | 86 | 0.08 | 1,068 | 86 |
| Consent form completion and return | 0.13 | 534\* | 70 | 0.13 | 534\* | 70 |
| Confirmation to via email, letter, or phone | 0.05 | 400\* | 20 | 0.05 | 400\* | 20 |
| **Sub-Total** |  | **1,068** | **176** |  | **1,068** | **176** |
| **Recruitment Totals** |  | **1,122** | **194** |  | **1,122** | **194** |
| Participation (Tryouts) | | | | | | |
| Grade 4 | 1 | 100 | 100 | 1 | 100 | 100 |
| Grade 8 | 1 | 100 | 100 | 1 | 100 | 100 |
| Grade 12 | 1 | 200 | 200 | 1.5 | 200 | 300 |
| **Interview Totals** |  | **400** | **400** |  | **400** | **500** |
| **Total Burden** |  | **1,522** | **594** |  | **1,522** | **694** |

Note: All totals have been rounded. In addition, some totals may differ slightly from sum of subtotals, due to rounding.

\* Subset of initial contact group (total number of responses = 2,456)