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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	Number of	Total	Hours per	Number of	Total
	respondent	respondents	hours	respondent	respondents	hours
Student Recruitment via Teachers and Staff						
Initial contact with staff: e-mail or phone,	0.33	54	18	0.33	54	18
flyer distribution, and planning						
Sub-Total		54	18		54	18
Parent or Legal Guardian, and Student (18 o	r 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)