

**Response to Public Comment ED-2021-SCC-0051-0005-A1**

Expanding Opportunity through Quality Charter Schools Program: Technical Assistance to Support Monitoring, Evaluation, Data Collection, and Dissemination of Best Practices

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There was one substantive comment received during the 60-day public comment period.

**Comment:** One commenter stated full support of the CSP data collection and acknowledged the Department's effort to coordinate it with ED Facts submission to reduce duplication. The commenter did not have any substantive issues with the data collection instrument or its use but did provide recommendations for how the Department should use the collected data. Specifically, the commenter provided two recommendations. The first recommendation is that the Department make the data available for public analysis on a timely basis. The second recommendation is that the Department conduct analysis across the CSP data collection and the ED Facts data collection. The commenter believes that these actions can provide insight on charter school growth as well as help charter schools and the Department identify areas to support charter schools, especially with regards to ensuring equitable access and services for students with disabilities.

**Discussion:** The Department appreciates the support of the CSP data collection and the acknowledgement of its intent to reduce burden by coordinating CSP data collection with ED Facts submission. The Department supports the use of data to improve charter school administration, access, and equity and will, to the extent possible, incorporate the recommendations in the roll-out of the CSP data collection.

**Changes:** None.