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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

[Docket No. ED-2021-SCC-0156]

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; School Pulse Panel Data Collection**

**AGENCY:** Institute of Educational Science (IES), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing a new information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 4, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for proposed information collection requests should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this information collection request by selecting “Department of Education” under “Currently Under Review,” then check “Only Show ICR for Public Comment” checkbox. Comments may also be sent to [ICDocketmgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketmgr@ed.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Carrie Clarady, 202-245-6347.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public’s reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department’s information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the

following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

*Title of Collection:* School Pulse Panel Data Collection.

*OMB Control Number:* 1850-NEW.

*Type of Review:* A new information collection.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* Individuals and Households.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 17,280.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 4,752.

*Abstract:* The School Pulse Panel (SPP) is a new data collection originally designed to collect voluntary responses from a nationally representative sample of public schools to better understand how schools, students, and educators are responding to the ongoing stressors of the coronavirus pandemic. Due to the immediate need to collect information from schools during the pandemic to satisfy the requirement of Executive Order 14000, an emergency clearance (OMB #1850-0963) was issued to develop and field the first several monthly collections of the SPP. This submission is seeking a request for a full review of the SPP data collection under the traditional clearance review process.

The School Pulse Panel is conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), part of the Institute of Education Sciences (IES), within the United States Department of Education. The purpose of the study is to collect extensive data on issues concerning the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on students and staff in U.S. public primary, middle, high, and combined-grade schools. The survey asks school staff about a wide range of topics, including but not limited to instructional mode offered; enrollment counts of subgroups of students using various instructional modes; strategies to address pandemic-related learning needs; safe and healthy school mitigation strategies; mental health services; use of technology; information on staffing, nutrition services, principal/parental/student/staff concerns, absenteeism, and overall principal experiences. It is planned that some new content will be rotated in (and

some rotated out) monthly. This package includes items that were fielded as part of the January, February, and March collections, as well as proposed new content to be collected in April, May, and June. Subsequent new content area additions (estimated to take place on a quarterly basis) will take place as revisions with 30-day public comment periods for each subsequent quarterly collection and may be followed by change requests to further refine items for each month.

The administration of the School Pulse Panel study is in direct response to President Biden’s Executive Order 14000: Supporting the Reopening and Continuing Operation of Schools and Early Childhood Education Providers. It is one of the nation’s few sources of reliable data on a wealth of information focused on school reopening efforts, virus spread mitigation strategies, services offered for students and staff, and technology use, as reported by school principals and other staff in U.S. public schools. About 2,400 (1,200 in an initial sample and 1,200 in a reserve sample) public elementary, middle, high, and combined-grade schools have been initially selected to participate in a panel where school staff will be asked to provide requested data monthly during the 2021-22 school years. This approach provides the ability to collect detailed information on various topics while also assessing changes in reopening efforts over time. Given the high demand for data collection during this time, the content of the survey will likely change monthly.

Dated: February 28, 2022.

**Stephanie Valentine,**

*PRA Coordinator, Strategic Collections and Clearance, Governance and Strategy Division, Office of Chief Data Officer, Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development.*

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**ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION**

**2022 Election Administration and Voting Survey; Survey and Submission to OMB of Proposed Collection of Information**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the EAC announces an information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. The EAC intends to submit this proposed information

collection (2022 Election Administration and Voting Survey, or EAVS) to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget for approval. The 2022 EAVS asks election officials questions concerning voting and election administration, including the following topics: Voter registration; overseas and military voting; voting by mail; early in-person voting; polling operations; provisional voting; voter participation; election technology; election policy; and other related issues.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before April 4, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent electronically via <https://www.regulations.gov> (docket ID: EAC-2021-0002). Written comments on the proposed information collection can also be sent to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, 633 3rd Street NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20001, Attn: EAVS.

*Obtaining a Copy of the Survey:* To obtain a free copy of the draft survey instrument: (1) Download a copy at <https://www.regulations.gov> (docket ID: EAC-2021-0002); or (2) write to the EAC (including your address and phone number) at U.S. Election Assistance Commission, 633 3rd Street NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20001, Attn: EAVS.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Raymond Williams at 202-924-0794, or email [research@eac.gov](mailto:research@eac.gov); U.S. Election Assistance Commission, 633 3rd Street NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20001.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title and OMB Number:* 2022 Election Administration and Voting Survey; OMB Number Pending.

**Needs and Uses**

The EAC issues the EAVS to meet its obligations under the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) to serve as a national clearinghouse and resource for Start Printed Page 67695 the compilation of information with respect to the administration of Federal elections; to fulfill both the EAC and the Department of Defense Federal Voting Assistance Program's (FVAP) data collection requirements under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA); and meet its National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) mandate to collect information from states concerning the impact of that statute on the administration of Federal elections. In addition, under the NVRA, the EAC is responsible for collecting information and reporting, biennially, to Congress on the impact of

that statute. The information the states are required to submit to the EAC for purposes of the NVRA report are found under Title 11 of the Code of Federal Regulations. States that respond to questions in this survey concerning voter registration-related matters will meet their NVRA reporting requirements under 52 U.S.C. 20508 and EAC regulations. Finally, UOCAVA mandates that FVAP work with the EAC and chief state election officials to develop standards for reporting UOCAVA voting information (52 U.S.C. 20302) and that FVAP will store the reported data and present the findings within the congressionally-mandated report to the President and Congress. Additionally, UOCAVA requires that "not later than 90 days after the date of each regularly scheduled general election for Federal office, each state and unit of local government which administered the election shall (through the state, in the case of a unit of local government) submit a report to the EAC on the combined number of absentee ballots transmitted to absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters for the election and the combined number of such ballots which were returned by such voters and cast in the election, and shall make such a report available to the general public." States that complete and timely submit the UOCAVA section of the survey to the EAC will fulfill their UOCAVA reporting requirement under 52 U.S.C. 20302. In order to fulfill the above requirements, the EAC is seeking information relating to the period from the Federal general election day 2020 +1 through the November 2022 Federal general election. The EAC will provide the data regarding UOCAVA voting to FVAP after data collection is completed. This data sharing reduces burden on local election offices because FVAP does not have to conduct its own data collection to meet its reporting requirements.

*Affected Public (Respondents):* State or local governments, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

*Affected Public:* State or local government.

*Number of Respondents:* 56.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Burden per Response:* 235 hours per collection, 117.5 hours annualized.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 13,160 hours per collection, 6,580 hours annualized.

*Frequency:* Biennially.

*Comments:* Public comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary

for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**Amanda Joiner,**

*Acting General Counsel, U.S. Election Assistance Commission.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST)**

**AGENCY:** Office of Science, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of partially-closed virtual meeting. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting will be held virtually for members of the public and in-person for PCAST members.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces an open meeting of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST). The Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Thursday, March 24, 2022; 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET.

**ADDRESSES:** Information to participate virtually can be found on the PCAST website closer to the meeting at: [www.whitehouse.gov/PCAST/meetings](http://www.whitehouse.gov/PCAST/meetings).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Sarah Domnitz, Designated Federal Officer, PCAST, email: [PCAST@ostp.eop.gov](mailto:PCAST@ostp.eop.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** PCAST is an advisory group of the nation's leading scientists and engineers, appointed by the President to augment the science and technology advice available to him from the White House, cabinet departments, and other Federal agencies. See the Executive Order at [whitehouse.gov](http://whitehouse.gov). PCAST is consulted on and provides analyses and recommendations concerning a wide range of issues where understanding of science, technology, and innovation may bear on the policy choices before the President. The Designated Federal Officer is Dr. Sarah Domnitz. Information about PCAST can be found at: [www.whitehouse.gov/PCAST](http://www.whitehouse.gov/PCAST).