

Common Core of Data (CCD) School-Level Finance Survey (SLFS) 2022-2024

Appendix A Communication Materials

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Dear State Fiscal Coordinator:

The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) within the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Census Bureau would like to thank you for your participation in the FY 2022 School-Level Finance Survey (SLFS). Policymakers, researchers, and the public have voiced concerns about the distribution of school funding within elementary-secondary school districts. This survey provides a central source of data for examining the extent to which school-level education resources are distributed across and within school districts. Your assistance enables us to collect and report school-level education finance information that is valuable to a variety of data users. Please be aware that public records retained from this collection do not require confidentiality.

NCES, within the U.S. Department of Education, is authorized to conduct this study by the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002 (ESRA 2002; 20 U.S.C. § 9543).

Section 203(c)(1) of the 1979 Department of Education Organization Act (DEOA) conveys to the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights the authority to “collect or coordinate the collection of data necessary to ensure compliance with civil rights laws within the jurisdiction of the Office for Civil Rights.” *See* 20 U.S.C. § 3413(c)(1). The civil rights laws enforced by OCR for which the CRDC collects data include Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination based on race, color, or national origin; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which prohibits discrimination based on sex; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability. Also, Section 203(c)(3) of the DEOA authorizes OCR “to enter into contracts and other arrangements ... with public agencies ... as may be necessary to carry out [its] compliance and enforcement functions” OCR is working with NCES to assist OCR with collecting school level finance data as part of the CRDC.

The purpose of this letter is to officially announce the opening of the collection for the FY 2022 survey. I have enclosed the FY 2022 survey form and the materials you need to participate, which will assist you with your data submission. If you need additional information or have questions about any of the data items, please feel free to contact me or the SLFS staff at the Census Bureau at (800) 622-6193 or erd.slfs.list@census.gov.

We also ask that you please provide contact information for any state education agency personnel that can be reached by the SLFS staff with any questions about your state's SLFS submission. Please provide the following information in response to this letter:

- 1) State coordinator name, title, phone number, and email
- 2) If you have delegated someone else to be the primary contact for data inquiries,

please provide this person's name, title, phone number, and email address

We look forward to working with your state on this survey. The success of this collection will be due to your cooperation, and we greatly appreciate your efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen Cornman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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FY 2022 SLFS FILE SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

FTP (File Transfer Protocol) - Send a File Utility

This is a user-friendly method of sending your data files to the Census Bureau.

1. Go to the URL: <https://secure.census.gov/cgi-bin/sendfile>
2. When prompted, login with your User-ID and Password. (User-ID = **slfs**; the Password will arrive in a separate e-mail.)
3. Browse to the file to be uploaded.
4. Select the file to be uploaded in the directory browser pop-up.
5. Click “Open” button in the directory browser pop-up. This closes the pop up, and places the file name (and its full path) in the text field labeled “File to Send.”
6. Optionally, provide a different name in the “New File Name” text field. This new name will be used to save the file on the target server.
7. Provide sender’s email address in the text field labeled “Sender’s Email Address.”
8. Please enter erd.slfs.list@census.gov in the text field “Census Bureau Employee’s E-Mail Address.” An e-mail will be sent to this e-mail address when the upload process is complete letting staff know your data have been uploaded to the Census Bureau.

Note: If you cannot locate the password, please contact SLFS staff by phone or e-mail.

E-mail: erd.slfs.list@census.gov

Phone: (800) 622 – 6193