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August Communication Materials

August 2023 Initial Letter (Reimbursement Schools)

DATE

Dear [POSITION] of [SCHOOL_NAME]

The National Center for Education Statistics, part of the U.S. Department of Education's Institute of Education Sciences, is asking you to participate in the 2023-24 School Pulse Panel (SPP) survey. The 2023-24 SPP is a unique opportunity to provide your school's perspective directly to the Department on a range of high-priority, education-related topics on a monthly basis.

- This month, we would like to know more about your school's experiences with teacher and staff hiring, internet and technology availability and usage, and community partnerships.
- **The survey will take 30 minutes or less, and your school will receive \$200 for completing the entire survey.**

Please complete the 30-minute August 2023 SPP survey by visiting the link below and entering your User ID:

[URL]

User ID: [EXTERNALREFERENCE]

You should have also received an email invitation that contains this same link and User ID. **Please submit your response no later than Tuesday, August 22, 2023.** If you have already responded to the August 2023 SPP survey, thank you! Please disregard this letter.

The information you provide is critical for data-driven decision making on program and policy implementation and federal funding distributions by program offices in the Department of Education, the White House, other federal agencies, and Congress. By participating in this survey, you will ensure that information about your school is included in these important decisions.

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- Through your participation in the August 2023 SPP, we will learn more about public schools' experiences filling vacant teaching and non-teaching positions as we begin the 2023-24 school year, which will inform federal decisions regarding how best to provide resources to address hiring concerns.

If you would like to preview the August 2023 SPP survey questions before taking the survey online, please visit www.census.gov/schoolpulse to view the questionnaire. If you have questions or need assistance, you may also call 1-844-868-3661 or email adp.school.pulse.panel@census.gov. The Census Bureau is collecting data on behalf of the National Center for Education Statistics.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

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School Pulse Panel: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What is the 2023-24 School Pulse Panel?

The 2023-24 School Pulse Panel is a monthly data collection designed to measure a rotating collection of high-priority, education-related topics, as determined by federal stakeholders, interest groups, and school administrators like you.

How is the 2023-24 School Pulse Panel different from other education surveys?

The 2023-24 School Pulse Panel is a unique study. While surveys like the National Assessment of Educational Progress and the National Teacher and Principal Survey produce benchmark statistics critical to monitoring progress over time, they are only conducted once every few years. The SPP surveys schools each month, providing the U.S. Department of Education and federal policymakers with crucial, real-time information that can quickly inform policies and funding decisions at the federal level.

Why should my school participate?

Your school's responses provide national, state, and local education leaders with the information needed to make evidence-based decisions about education policy and resource allocation. Without responses from your school, we will have an incomplete picture of the condition of education during the 2023-24 school year. Data that are representative of *all* schools inform better policies.

What does it look like to participate on a monthly basis?

Each month's survey will take 30 minutes or less to complete and will be open for two weeks. When surveyed at the conclusion of the 2021-22 School Pulse Panel, *98 percent of participating schools said they felt that the time necessary to complete each monthly survey was reasonable*. However, we understand that, as an educator, you are very busy; to show our appreciation for your time and effort for completing the survey, **your school will receive \$200 for each completed survey you submit**. These reimbursements will be mailed five to six weeks after the end of data collection.

How do I participate?

This is the first monthly collection of the 2023-24 school year. Monthly collections will continue through June 2024. Each school will designate a point of contact that will be responsible for completing the survey. Your school's designated point of contact will receive an invitation to complete the School Pulse Panel survey via regular mail and email. Both will include a link to the survey, which should take 30 minutes or less to complete and will be open for two weeks. The person completing the survey can share the link with a colleague if they need help completing the survey. On behalf of NCES, the Census Bureau is collecting the information. A new survey invitation will be issued each month from the email address adp.school.pulse.panel@census.gov. All participation is voluntary.

Does the person completing the 2023-24 School Pulse Panel for the school have to be the principal?

No. You are welcome to delegate completion of the survey to another staff member who is knowledgeable about programs at the school.

Will you ask the same questions every month?

Some questions may remain on the survey from month to month to learn how schools are experiencing and adapting to change. Other questions may rotate in and out. Topic areas will change monthly and will reflect high-priority, education-related topics that NCES and federal policymakers lack timely data on. You will also help shape content for surveys.

Other important information

By federal law, we are required to protect the responses of all schools included in our survey (see citations at the end of the FAQ). Individual responses will be combined with those from other participants to produce summary statistics and reports. No teacher or student time is required to complete the survey. Send comments regarding the 30-minute survey burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) Institute of Education Sciences (IES) PCP, 550 12th Street, SW, 4th floor, Room 4036, Washington, D.C. 20202. According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number is 1850-0975 (expires 07/31/2026).

NCES is authorized to conduct this survey by the American Rescue Plan of 2021 (ARP2021; Sec. 2010) and the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002 (ESRA 2002, 20 U.S.C. §9543). All of the information schools provide may be used only for statistical purposes and may not be disclosed, or used, in identifiable form for any other purpose except as required by law (20 U.S.C. §9573 and 6 U.S.C. §151). Reports of the findings from the survey will not identify participating Local Education Agencies (LEAs), schools, or staff. Individual responses will be combined with those from other participants to produce summary statistics and reports.

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August 2023 Reminder Email 1 (Reimbursement Schools)

[Subject line: 2023-24 School Pulse Panel: August Survey Reminder]

Dear [POSITION] of [SCHOOL NAME]:

Did you know that 70 percent of public schools said that too few candidates applying for open teaching positions was a challenge they experienced with filling vacant teaching positions for the 2022-23 school year? Through your participation in the August 2023 School Pulse Panel (SPP), we will learn more about public schools' experiences filling vacant teaching and non-teaching positions as we begin the 2023-24 school year, which will inform federal decisions regarding how best to provide resources to address hiring concerns.

This is a reminder to complete the August 2023 SPP survey by Tuesday, August 22, 2023. To thank you for your time and effort in providing this information, **your school will receive \$200 for completing the entire survey.**

- This month's survey will ask you to reflect on your school's experiences with teacher and staff hiring, internet and technology availability and usage, and community partnerships.
- The survey will take approximately 30 minutes or less to complete. You can access the survey by visiting the link below and entering your User ID:

[URL]

User ID: [EXTERNALREFERENCE]

- Your school is among a small number of schools selected to participate in the Panel. Without responses from your school, we will have an incomplete picture of the condition of education during the 2023-24 school year. Data that are representative of *all* public schools inform better policies.
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Thank you for your consideration of this important initiative. We look forward to your school's participation in this month's collection!

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Thank you for your consideration of this important initiative. We look forward to your school's participation in this month's collection!

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Commissioner
National Center for Education Statistics (NCES)
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August 2023 Reminder Email 2 (Reimbursement Schools)

[Subject line: 2023-24 School Pulse Panel: Your Response is Important]

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- In last year's SPP survey, we asked participating public schools questions about their internet and technology availability and usage. We found that *72 percent of all public schools in the U.S. reported providing training on digital literacy for their students.*
- Through your participation, we can continue to understand how prevalent this kind of training is in U.S. public schools, which will inform federal decisions regarding digital literacy training.

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August 2023 Reminder Email 3 (Reimbursement Schools)

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September Communication Materials

September 2023 Initial Letter (No Debit Card Schools)

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September 2023 Initial Letter (No Email Schools, Accepts Reimbursement)

DATE

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September 2023 Initial Email – August 2023 Respondents (Reimbursement Schools)

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September 2023 Initial Email – August 2023 Nonrespondents (No Debit Card Schools)

[Subject line: 2023-24 School Pulse Panel: September Survey Invitation]

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September 2023 Reminder Email 1 – September Nonrespondents (Reimbursement Schools)

[Subject line: 2023-24 School Pulse Panel: September Survey Reminder]

Dear [POSITION] of [SCHOOL NAME]:

Did you know that 66 percent of public schools offered any learning-related after-school programs during the 2022-23 school year? Through your participation in the September 2023 School Pulse Panel (SPP), we will learn more about public schools' after-school program offerings during the 2023-24 school year, which will inform federal decisions regarding the provision of these programs.

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October Communication Materials

October 2023 Initial Letter – August 2023 Respondents (Reimbursement Schools)

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October 2023 Reminder Email 2 – October Nonrespondents (Reimbursement Schools)

[Subject line: 2023-24 School Pulse Panel: Your Response is Important]

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November 2023 Initial Letter – September 2023 Respondents (No Email Schools, Accepts Reimbursement)

DATE

Dear [POSITION] of [SCHOOL_NAME]

Thank you for your prior participation in the School Pulse Panel (SPP) data collection. This letter contains your November 2023 SPP survey invitation.

- This month, we would like to know more about your school's experiences with attendance, food services and supply chains, and school improvement plans.
- **The survey will take 30 minutes or less, and your school will receive \$200 for completing the entire survey.**

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Please submit your response no later than Tuesday, November 28, 2023. The information that you provide is critical for data-driven decision making on program and policy implementation and federal funding distributions by program offices in the Department of Education, the White House, other federal agencies, and Congress. By participating in this survey, you will ensure that information about your school is included in these important decisions.

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School Pulse Panel: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What is the 2023-24 School Pulse Panel?

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How is the 2023-24 School Pulse Panel different from other education surveys?

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What does it look like to participate on a monthly basis?

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November 2023 Initial Email – October 2023 Respondents (Reimbursement Schools)

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November 2023 Reminder Email 1 – November Nonrespondents (Reimbursement Schools)

[Subject line: 2023-24 School Pulse Panel: November Survey Reminder]

Dear [POSITION] of [SCHOOL NAME]:

Did you know that, of the 94 percent of public schools that offered a meal program at their school during the 2022-23 school year, 18 percent indicated they had not experienced any challenges with school meal program operations? Through your participation in the November 2023 School Pulse Panel (SPP), we will learn more about public schools' meal programs during the 2023-24 school year, which will inform decisions and policy regarding school meal programs at the federal level.

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[Subject line: 2023-24 School Pulse Panel: Your Response is Important]

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November 2023 Reminder Email 3 – November Nonrespondents (Reimbursement Schools)

[Subject line: School Pulse Panel: Last Day to Respond to November 2023 Survey is Today]

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November 2023 Reminder Email 3 – November Nonrespondents (No Debit Card Schools)

[Subject line: School Pulse Panel: Last Day to Respond to November 2023 Survey is Today]

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December Communication Materials

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December 2023 Initial Letter – October 2023 Nonrespondents (No Email Schools, Accepts Reimbursement)

DATE

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School Pulse Panel: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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How do I participate?

This is the fifth monthly collection of the 2023-24 school year. Monthly collections will continue through June 2024. **We currently do not have an email on file for your school. Please contact addp.school.pulse.panel@census.gov or call 1-844-868-3661 and provide a valid email address for a designated point of contact for this study.** Your school's designated point of contact will receive an invitation to complete the School Pulse Panel survey via regular mail and email, which will include a link to the survey. The person completing the survey can share the link with a colleague if they need help completing the survey. On behalf of the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), the Census Bureau is collecting the information. A new survey invitation will be issued each month from the email address addp.school.pulse.panel@census.gov. All participation is voluntary.

Does the person completing the 2023-24 School Pulse Panel for the school have to be the principal?

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December 2023 Initial Email – November 2023 Respondents (Reimbursement Schools)

[Subject line: 2023-24 School Pulse Panel: December Survey Invitation]

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Dear [POSITION] of [SCHOOL NAME]:

Did you know that 50 percent of public schools provided professional development for teachers/staff on learning recovery during the 2021-22 school year? Through your participation in the December 2023 School Pulse Panel (SPP), we will learn more about the resources being provided to teachers to aid in students' learning recovery during the 2023-24 school year.

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December 2023 Reminder Email 2 – December Nonrespondents (Reimbursement Schools)

[Subject line: 2023-24 School Pulse Panel: Your Response is Important]

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December 2023 Reminder Email 3 – December Nonrespondents (Reimbursement Schools)

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January Communication Materials

January 2024 Initial Letter – November 2023 Respondents (Reimbursement Schools)

DATE

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Thank you for your prior participation in the School Pulse Panel (SPP) data collection. This letter contains your January 2024 SPP survey invitation.

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- Your participation in this month's collection is invaluable, as this is the first time that data on principal autonomy, world languages, and college and career readiness programs are being collected in the SPP. Be a part of the first group of schools to provide real-time data on these topics!
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January 2024 Initial Email – December 2023 Respondents (Reimbursement Schools)

[Subject line: 2023-24 School Pulse Panel: January Survey Invitation]

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Communication Materials - Templates

<MONTH> Initial Letter – <TWO MONTHS’ PRIOR> Respondents (Reimbursement Schools)
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<MONTH YEAR> Initial Email – <ONE MONTH PRIOR> Nonrespondents (No Debit Card Schools)

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<CURRENT MONTH> Reminder Email 1 – <CURRENT MONTH> Nonrespondents
(Reimbursement Schools)

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Advance Secretary Letter Communications

Summer 2023 Advance Letter from Education Secretary Miguel Cardona (Accepts Reimbursement)

THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION

WASHINGTON, DC 20202



July 31, 2023

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Other Communications

School Pulse Panel FAQ/Brochure



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2023-24 School Pulse Panel

What is the 2023-24 School Pulse Panel?

The 2023-24 School Pulse Panel (SPP) is a monthly data collection designed to measure a rotating collection of high-priority, education-related topics. It is a new iteration of the 2021-22 School Pulse Panel, which collected data monthly on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on public education in the U.S.

How is the 2023-24 School Pulse Panel different from other education surveys?

The 2023-24 School Pulse Panel is a unique survey. While surveys like the National Assessment of Educational Progress and the National Teacher and Principal Survey produce benchmark statistics critical to monitoring progress over time, they are only conducted annually or once every few years. The School Pulse Panel surveys schools each month, providing the U.S. Department of Education and federal policymakers with crucial, real-time information that can quickly inform policies and funding decisions at the federal level.

Why should my school participate?

Your school's responses provide national, state, and local education leaders with the information needed to make evidence-based decisions about education policy and resource allocation. Without responses from your school, we will have an incomplete picture of all the topics the 2023-24 SPP will survey schools on. Data that are representative of *all* schools inform better policies.

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Participating in SPP

98%

Previous respondents who said participating in SPP was a **reasonable investment of time and effort**

95%

Previous respondents who said the 2-week collection window was **enough time to complete a monthly SPP survey**

84%

Previous respondents who said it was "**easy**" or "**very easy**" to participate in SPP

Explore results from the 2021-22 School Pulse Panel here!

<https://ies.ed.gov/schoolsurvey/>



SPP Data in the News

The Washington Post
The New York Times
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School Staffing



Learning Recovery & Tutoring



Mental Health & Well-Being Services



Summer and After-School Programs



Food Services



College & Career Readiness Programs

How do I participate?

The first monthly collection of the 2023-24 school year will begin in August 2023. Monthly collections will continue through June 2024. We will reach out to schools in July 2023 with a short, five-minute screener questionnaire to collect up-to-date contact information for each school's designated point of contact. Each school will designate a point of contact that will be responsible for completing the survey. Your school's designated point of contact will receive an invitation to complete the School Pulse Panel survey via email. The email will include a link to the survey, which should take approximately 30 minutes to complete. On behalf of the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), the Census Bureau is collecting the information. A new survey invitation will be issued each month from the email address adpp.school.pulse.panel@census.gov. All participation is voluntary.

Other Important Information

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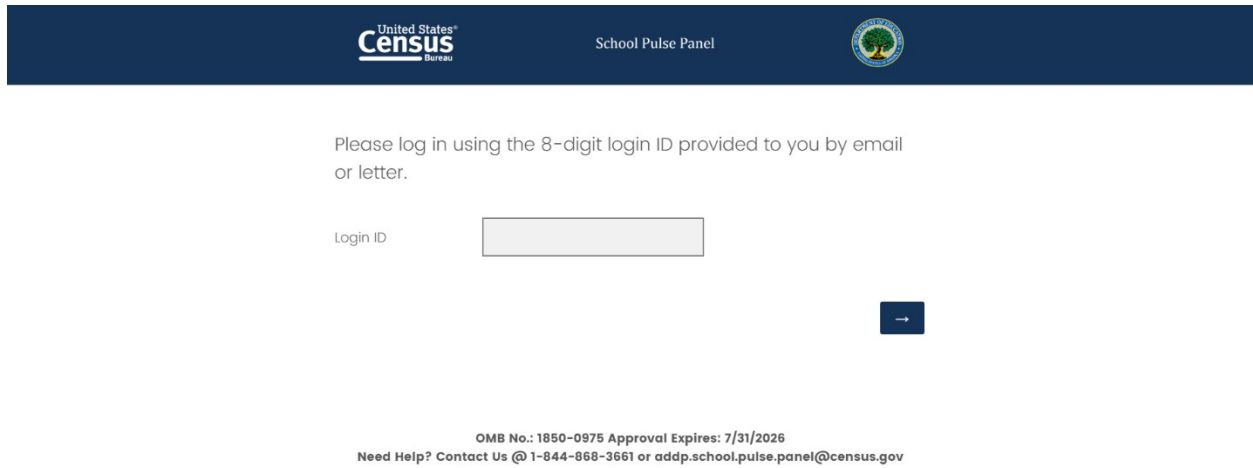
Questions?

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Web Instrument Log-In Screenshots

The screenshot below depicts the landing page for respondents after they click or type in the links including in the above communication materials. This image is of the screen as it currently appears for the August 2023 collection.



The screenshot shows the login page for the School Pulse Panel. At the top, there is a dark blue header bar containing the United States Census Bureau logo on the left, the text "School Pulse Panel" in the center, and a circular seal on the right. Below the header, the main content area is white. It starts with the instruction "Please log in using the 8-digit login ID provided to you by email or letter." followed by a label "Login ID" and a text input field. To the right of the input field is a dark blue button with a white right-pointing arrow. At the bottom of the page, there is a line of small text: "OMB No.: 1850-0975 Approval Expires: 7/31/2026" and "Need Help? Contact Us @ 1-844-868-3661 or addp.school.pulse.panel@census.gov".

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