PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT CHANGE SHEET

2023-24 School Pulse Panel (SPP) March and April Questionnaire Items Change Request

Agency/Subagency U.S. Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences		OMB Control Number 1850-0975 v.8
Agency form number(s)	NA	NA
Annual reporting and record keeping hour burden		
Number of respondent	1,235	1,235
Total annual responses	53,955	53,955
Percent of these responses collected electronically	100%	100%
Total annual hours	10,175	10,175
Difference		
Explanation of difference		
Program change		
Adjustment		
Annual reporting and record keeping cost burden (in thousands of dollars)		
Total annualized capital/startup costs	NA	NA
Total annual costs (O&M)	NA	NA
Total annualized cost requested	NA	NA
Difference		NA
Explanation of difference		
Program change		NA
Adjustment		NA

Other change**

The School Pulse Panel is an ongoing study conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), part of the Institute of Education Sciences (IES), within the United States Department of Education, to collect extensive data on current and emerging issues concerning students and staff in U.S. public primary, middle, high, and combined-grade schools. Specifically, the survey will ask school office staff about topics such as staffing, college and career readiness, school improvement plans, tutoring, summer programs, facilities, learning strategies and recovery, after-school programs, and world and dual language programs. The SPP has become one of the nation's main sources of timely and reliable data on issues concerning the education environment, as reported by principals in U.S. public schools.

The SPP monthly data collection (OMB# 1850-0975 v.2) went through a 60-day public comment period, followed by a 30-day public comment period and was formally cleared in July 2023, followed by a change request (OMB# 1850-0975 v.3) that was cleared in August 2023. The SPP program submits quarterly 30D packages to allow public comment and OMB review of new monthly items, and a revision to clear basic questionnaires and topic areas for November 2023-January 2024 was cleared in October 2023 (OMB# 1850-0975 v.4). The most recently cleared quarterly package, containing items for use in February, March, and April 2024, was cleared in January 2024 (OMB# 1850-0975 v.6),as was an additional change request for February 2024 items (OMB# 1850-0975 v.7).

The purpose of this memo is to request approval for changes to the March and April 2024 SPP questionnaires. The items that were submitted as a part of the 30-day public comment period (v.6) were undergoing cognitive testing at the time the package was out for public comment. Many of the changes were made to improve item clarity and include such actions as modifying response options based on recommendations from the cognitive testing. Other changes include the removal of some questions that were repetitive and the consolidation of questions to reduce cognitive burden and improve data quality (ex., the questions on state assessments).

Changes are shown in a detailed change memo. There are no changes to respondent burden or cost to the federal government.

Signature of Senior Official or designee:	Date:	For OIRA Use
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