

## U.S. Department of Education

### Agency Information Collection: Evaluation of the REL Midwest Teaching Fractions Toolkit

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

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#### **SUMMARY:**

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 3501 *et seq.*), ED is submitting a simple change request to the existing information collection for the following changes outlined in this memo. The Department has assessed the upcoming changes and believe based on previously executed change requests to the information collection that these changes fall under that guise.

#### **1. Increase incentive amount to teachers for completing data collection**

The study team has proposed incentives to teachers and administrators to partially offset respondent time and effort in completing the survey or interview in the existing information collection – teachers would receive a \$30 gift certificate upon completion of a survey or an interview, and administrators would receive a \$50 gift certificate upon completion of an interview. The study team is requesting a change in the incentive for teachers from a \$30 gift certificate to a \$50 gift certificate for completing a survey or an interview. In addition to the many responsibilities and challenges that teachers face daily in their classrooms, teachers also are the targets of numerous requests to complete surveys on a wide variety of topics from state and district offices, independent researchers, and ED. Teacher time therefore is extremely valuable. The study team believes that the requested increase in incentive amount for teachers is needed to achieve the target response rate of 85 percent and to ensure reliable data.

The aggregate respondent numbers and burden hours for these updates will remain unchanged under OMB Control Number 1850-0986.