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Please provide the following information about your FY 2025 data submission via email:

- 1) Will your state be participating in the FY 2025 survey?
- 2) Estimated Date of Data Submission:
- 3) Will there be any changes from the prior year in your data submission format?
- 4) State Coordinator name, title, phone number, and email:
- 5) Are you a new coordinator?
- 6) Have you attended New Coordinator Training in the past?
- 7) Staff may contact your state with questions about your data. If you have delegated someone else to be the primary contact for data inquiries, please provide this person's name, title, phone number, and e-mail address:

Information about the authority, confidentiality, and burden of this data collection can be found on the back of this letter. **Please complete the survey and provide your data submission by August 15, 2025.**

For assistance with completing this survey, please call our customer helpline at 1-800-622-6193, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Eastern time or email [ERD.F33.List@census.gov](mailto:ERD.F33.List@census.gov).

**Thank you** in advance for your time and participation, and for helping the U.S. Census Bureau measure America's people and economy.

Sincerely,

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Ron S. Jarmin  
Acting Director

**OMB Number**

This collection has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The eight-digit OMB approval number is 0607-0700 and appears in the top right corner of the paper survey form or each online reporting screen. Without this approval, we could not conduct this survey.

**Authority and Confidentiality**

Title 13, United States Code, Sections 8(b), 161 and 182, and Title 20, United States Code, Sections 9543-44, authorize the U.S. Census Bureau to conduct this collection jointly with the National Center for Education and Statistics and request your voluntary assistance. These data are subject to provisions of Title 13, United States Code, Section 9(b), which exempts data that are customarily provided in public records from confidentiality requirements.

**Burden Estimate Statement**

We estimate the Annual Survey of School System Finances will take an average of 97 hours to complete if responding using the codes on the survey form, or 18.25 hours if using state education agency codes. Factors such as school system size, complexity, and activity will affect your actual time to complete the survey. This estimate includes the time to review instructions, search existing data sources, gather and maintain the data needed, and complete and review the survey.



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Please use the enclosed form as a worksheet prior to reporting online. Website and log-in information can be found on the front page of the form. Online reporting is easy, reduces costs, and decreases processing times. You may elect to return the completed form in the enclosed envelope instead of responding online.

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