

Dear Office of Civil Rights,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed 2025-2026 and 2027-2028 Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC). While the importance of collecting and analyzing this data is clear, I am deeply concerned about the additional burden it imposes on local education agencies (LEAs).

Much of the data being requested is already available through state agencies and organizations like the College Board. Requiring districts to duplicate these efforts not only stretches already limited resources but also distracts from their primary mission—serving students. With state funding already constrained and existing data submission requirements for state-level reporting, this added responsibility further strains LEAs.

I strongly encourage the Office for Civil Rights to explore leveraging existing state and national data sources to gather this information. This would minimize the burden on districts while maintaining the integrity of the data. By doing so, OCR can help districts focus their resources on improving student outcomes instead of managing redundant reporting tasks.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and your continued commitment to advancing equitable education.

Sincerely,
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