



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

October 17, 2024

Dear Superintendent:

The U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) is currently seeking feedback on data items to include in the Civil Rights Data Collections (CRDCs) for the 2025–26 and 2027–28 school years.

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act, OCR's proposed CRDC must undergo two public notice and comment periods—an initial 60-day period, followed by a 30-day period. The deadline to submit comments for the 60-day comment period is December 16, 2024.

As a vital partner in protecting the civil rights of the nation's students, I encourage you to review the [Information Collection Request \(ICR\)](#) package, particularly the [OMB Supporting Statement A](#) document, to see OCR's proposed changes to the survey for the 2025–26 and 2027–28 school years. You may also view the [A-5. Directed Questions](#) document, which features specific questions for which OCR is seeking public input. After OCR reviews and considers all comments and makes changes to the ICR if appropriate, the ICR will be announced in the Federal Register, and will be available for an additional 30-day public comment period sometime in 2025.

As a reminder, the data submission period for the 2023–24 school year CRDC is tentatively scheduled from December 9, 2024, through March 7, 2025. The CRDC Partner Support Center (PSC) is currently communicating updates and guidance to LEAs about the upcoming 2023–24 CRDC. I encourage you to contact the PSC via email (crdc@aemcorp.com) or phone (855-255-6901) if you require technical assistance with the 2023–24 CRDC. The PSC is staffed with experts who are available to support you in fulfilling this important responsibility.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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