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Title of Collection: Comprehensive Literacy Program Evaluation: Comprehensive Literacy State Development (CLSD) Program Evaluation

OMB Control Number: 1850–0945

Type of Review: A revision of a currently approved collection

Respondents/Affected Public: Individuals and Households; State, Local, and Tribal Governments

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 612

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 331

Abstract: The data collection described in this submission includes activities for the legislatively mandated evaluation of the Comprehensive Literacy State Development (CLSD) Program. The evaluation will provide information on the implementation of the program and its impact on student reading achievement. The CLSD evaluation is the second component of an evaluation of the U.S. Department of Education's comprehensive literacy programs. An earlier clearance package (OMB control number 1850–0945) covered the first component of the evaluation—an implementation study of the Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy Program (the precursor program to CLSD). The CLSD evaluation will include an examination of implementation, a randomized trial to estimate the impact of CLSD funding on teacher and student outcomes, and a longitudinal comparison of trends in achievement in CLSD and similar, non-CLSD schools. This package requests clearance for data collection associated with the implementation analyses, the randomized trial, and initial data collection for the comparisons of longitudinal trends. A separate package will be submitted at a later date for all remaining data collection activities for the comparisons of longitudinal trends, which will take place following the 2023–24 school year.

Dated: December 15, 2020.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No. ED–2020–SCC–0129]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and approval; Comment Request; Implementation of Key Federal Policies in the Wake of the Coronavirus Pandemic

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing a new information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 19, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for proposed information collection requests should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection request by selecting “Department of Education” under “Currently Under Review,” then check “Only Show ICR for Public Comment” checkbox.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Erica Lee, 202–245–7437.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of

Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: Implementation of Key Federal Policies in the Wake of the Coronavirus Pandemic.

OMB Control Number: 1850–NEW.

Type of Review: A new information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: State, Local, and Tribal Governments.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 228.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 177.

Abstract: The coronavirus pandemic significantly disrupted K–12 educational operations and learning in spring 2020 and is likely to do so again during the 2020–21 school year. Federal education policies and funding are intended to support state and local agencies as they respond to the crisis. But the crisis may also shape the way federal programs are carried out. The U.S. Department of Education (the Department), through its Institute for Education Sciences (IES), is requesting clearance for a new data collection to examine how the pandemic may be influencing: (1) Implementation of, and waivers, from key provisions of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, reauthorized as the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA), and (2) state and district use of federal funds, including those provided specifically to help in the pandemic recovery, and (3) supports for English learners (ELs) in districts with high EL enrollments. The surveys of all state education agencies and a nationally representative sample of school districts is being conducted as part of an ongoing evaluation of Titles I and IIA of ESSA. Interviews of district and school personnel in high-EL districts are being conducted as part of an ongoing evaluation of Title III of ESSA.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Application for New Awards; Native American and Alaska Native Children in School Program

AGENCY: Office of English Language Acquisition, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Education (Department) is issuing a notice inviting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2021 for the Native American and Alaska Native Children in School (NAM) Program, Assistance Listing Number 84.365C. This notice relates to the approved information collection under OMB control number 1894-0006.

DATES:

Applications Available: December 18, 2020.

Deadline for Notice of Intent to Apply: January 4, 2021.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: March 3, 2021.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: May 3, 2021.

ADDRESSES: For the addresses for obtaining and submitting an application, please refer to our Common Instructions for Applicants to Department of Education Discretionary Grant Programs, published in the **Federal Register** on February 13, 2019 (84 FR 3768) and available at www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-02-13/pdf/2019-02206.pdf.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Celeste McLaughlin, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, room 4W206, Washington, DC 20202. Telephone: (202) 453-6054. Email: NAM2021@ed.gov.

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) or a text telephone (TTY), call the Federal Relay Service (FRS), toll free, at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Full Text of Announcement

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Purpose of Program: The purpose of the NAM program is to award grants to eligible entities to develop and enhance capacity to provide effective instruction

and support to Native American and Alaska Native students, including Native Hawaiian and Native American Pacific Islander students, who are identified as English learners (ELs). The goal of this program is to support the teaching, learning, and studying of Native American languages while also increasing the English language proficiency and academic achievement of students served.

Background: Through previous competitions, the NAM program has funded a range of grantees that are currently implementing 17 projects across the country. As we are focused on closing longstanding achievement and attainment gaps that have continued to grow, there is also a need to increase the knowledge of what practices work to effectively improve learning outcomes for Native American and Alaska Native ELs.

Congress, in the Native American Languages Act of 1990, recognized the fundamental importance of preserving Native American languages. This legislation provides that it is the policy of the United States to:

Preserve, protect, and promote the rights and freedom of Native Americans to use, practice, and develop Native American languages.

25 U.S.C. 2903(1)

In addition, the legislation states that it is the policy of the United States to encourage and support the use of Native American languages as a medium of instruction in order to encourage and support—

(A) Native American language survival,

(B) Educational opportunity,

(C) Increased student success and performance,

(D) Increased student awareness and knowledge of their culture and history, and

(E) Increased student and community pride.

25 U.S.C. 2903(3)

This Federal policy is supported by growing recognition of the importance of Native language preservation in facilitating educational success for Native students. In a 2007 study by Teachers of English to Students of Other Languages (TESOL), the majority of Native youth surveyed stated that they value their Native language, view it as integral to their sense of self, want to learn it, and view it as a means of facilitating their success in school and life.¹ Collaborative efforts between

educators, families, and communities, the study suggests, may be especially promising ways to ensure that all Native students have the critical opportunity to learn their Native languages.

Not only is Native language instruction critical for student engagement and fostering a rich sense of self, but research has shown that students who are bilingual have certain cognitive and social benefits that their monolingual peers may lack.²

Additionally, for students who are classified as ELs, well-implemented language instruction educational programs (as defined in this notice), including dual language approaches, may result in ELs performing equal to or better than their peers in English-only language instruction programs. These approaches have shown promise in increasing language acquisition in English and Native languages, and may also promote greater achievement in the academic content areas, including English language arts and mathematics.³

Therefore, to facilitate high-quality language instruction and academic success for Native American and Alaska Native students who are classified as ELs, this competition includes an absolute priority for projects that will support the preservation and revitalization of Native American languages while also increasing the English language proficiency of the children served under the project.

For this competition, the Department also seeks projects designed to promote seamless integration of in-person and remote learning needs through digital learning. Accordingly, this notice includes an invitational priority related to instructional adaptation for remote learning and educator professional development related to remote instruction.

In addition, the Department is interested in projects designed to promote literacy. Families play a critical role in preparing their children to enter kindergarten ready to succeed in school and in life. Research suggests that when families and schools work together and support each other in their respective roles, children have a more positive attitude toward school and experience more school success. Specifically, research has found that having parents reinforce specific literacy skills is effective in improving children's

² Valentino, R.A., and Reardon, S.F. (2015). Effectiveness of four instructional programs designed to serve English language learners: Variation by ethnicity and initial English proficiency. *Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis*, doi: 10.3102/0162373715573310.

³ Lindholm-Leary, K.J. (2001). Dual-language education (Vol. 28). *Multilingual Matters*.

¹ Romero-Little, M.E., McCarty, T.L., Warhol, L., and Zepeda, O. (2007). Language policies in practice: Preliminary findings from a large-scale study of Native American language shift. *TESOL Quarterly* 41:3, 607-618.