



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

February 28, 2023

Dear Superintendent:

I write to provide you with an update on the U.S. Department of Education's (Department) Office for Civil Rights (OCR) plans to administer a 2021–22 Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC). On February 28, 2023, the Department submitted to the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) OCR's final proposed changes to the CRDC that we plan to administer for the 2021–22 and 2023–24 school years. As OCR awaits OMB's approval, we continue to urge you to take the necessary steps to prepare for the 2021–22 CRDC.

OCR's proposed changes for the 2021–22 and 2023–24 CRDC surveys completed two public notice and comment periods, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Specifically, an initial 60-day public comment period closed on February 11, 2022, followed by a 30-day period, which closed on October 31, 2022. OCR reviewed and prepared responses to the public comments received.

The final proposal will be universal collections in which all public-school districts and their schools will be required to participate. As soon as the proposed 2021–22 and 2023–24 CRDCs are approved, OCR will notify you. In the interim, OCR urges you and your schools to prepare for the 2021–22 CRDC by reviewing the proposed data elements in the *OMB Supporting Statement A* document available at https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewDocument?ref_nbr=202111-1870-001.

Please visit the CRDC Resource Center website (<https://crdc.communities.ed.gov/#program>) for updates on the status of the proposed 2021–22 CRDC and technical resources. OCR also would appreciate your school district contacting the CRDC Partner Support Center via email (crdc@aemcorp.com) or by phone (855-255-6901), to update your staff's contact information for the upcoming CRDC and for technical assistance.

OCR is grateful for your leadership and for the vital work that you and your staff do to ensure that all students have equal access to education, free from discrimination. This work, including your required data submissions to the CRDC, will help us learn about the experiences of students during the 2021–22 school year.

Thank you for your continued commitment to promoting educational excellence and ensuring educational equity and opportunity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Lhamon".

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