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*Title of Collection:* American Indian Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities Program.

*OMB Control Number:* 1840–0817.

*Type of Review:* A reinstatement without change of a previously approved collection.

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

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 70.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 840.

*Abstract:* The information is required of institutions of higher education that apply for grants under the Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities Program authorized under Title III, Parts A and F, of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended. This information will be used in making funding recommendations. This collection is being submitted under the Streamlined Clearance Process for Discretionary Grant Information Collections (1894–0001). Therefore, the 30-day public comment period notice will be the only public comment notice published for this information collection request.

Dated: February 25, 2021.

**Juliana Pearson,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED–2020–SCC–0186]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Survey on Use of Funds Under Title II, Part A

**AGENCY:** Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE), 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 April 1, 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](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this information collection request by selecting “Department of Education” under “Currently Under Review,” then check “Only Show ICR for Public Comment” checkbox. Comments may also be sent to [ICDocketmgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketmgr@ed.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Andrew Brake, 202–453–6136.

**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:* Survey on Use of Funds Under Title II, Part A.

*OMB Control Number:* 1810–New.

*Type of Review:* New information collection.

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

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 52.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 416.

*Abstract:* The U.S. Department of Education (the Department) is requesting clearance to continue collecting data from states annually about how Title II, Part A funds are

used; how funds are used to improve equitable access to teachers for low income and minority students; and where applicable, evaluation and retention data for teachers, principals, and other school leaders. The reporting requirements are outlined in Section 2104(a) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), as authorized by the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA).

The survey will include the universe of states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. The information obtained from the survey will provide the Department with a description of how Title II, Part A State activities funds are used by each State. In addition, the survey will provide data on teacher, principal, and other school leader evaluation and retention. The survey will be sent to State Title II, Part A coordinators in each of the 50 states, District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. The survey will be administered using an electronic instrument.

Dated: February 24, 2021.

**Stephanie Valentine,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED–2021–SCC–0195]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; National Blue Ribbon Schools Program

**AGENCY:** Office of Communication and Outreach (OCO), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing an extension of a currently approved information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 1, 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](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this information collection request by selecting “Department of Education” under “Currently Under Review,” then check “Only Show ICR for Public Comment”

checkbox. Comments may also be sent to [ICDocketmgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketmgr@ed.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Aba Kumi, 202-401-1767.

**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:* National Blue Ribbon Schools Program.

*OMB Control Number:* 1860-0506.

*Type of Review:* An extension of a currently approved information collection.

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

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 420.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 16,695.

*Abstract:* Each year since 1982, the U.S. Department of Education's National Blue Ribbon Schools Program has sought out and celebrated great American schools; schools that are demonstrating that all students can achieve to high levels. The purpose of the Program is to honor public and private elementary, middle and high schools based on their overall academic excellence or their progress in closing achievement gaps among different groups of students. The Program is part of a larger U.S. Department of Education

effort to identify and disseminate knowledge about best school leadership and teaching practices.

Dated: February 24, 2021.

**Stephanie Valentine,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Applications for New Awards; Research Networks Focused on Critical Problems of Education Policy and Practice, and the Transformative Research in the Education Sciences Grant Programs; Reopening

**AGENCY:** Institute of Education Sciences, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** On November 20, 2020, we published in the **Federal Register** a notice inviting applications (NIA) for the fiscal year (FY) 2021 Research Networks Focused on Critical Problems of Education Policy and Practice and the Transformative Research in the Education Sciences Grant Programs competitions, Assistance Listing Numbers 84.305N and 84.305T. The NIA established a deadline date of February 25, 2021, for the transmittal of applications. For certain potential eligible applicants described elsewhere in this notice, we are reopening these competitions until March 11, 2021.

**DATES:** Deadline for Transmittal of Applications for Applicants Meeting the Eligibility Criteria in this Notice: March 11, 2021.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For the Research Networks Focused on Critical Problems of Education Policy and Practice competition (84.305N): Meredith Larson. Telephone: (202) 245-7037. Email: [Meredith.Larson@ed.gov](mailto:Meredith.Larson@ed.gov). For the Transformative Research in the Education Sciences competition (84.305T): Erin Higgins. Telephone: (202) 706-8509. Email: [Erin.Higgins@ed.gov](mailto:Erin.Higgins@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:** On November 20, 2020, we published in the **Federal Register** (85 FR 74328) an NIA for the FY 2021 Research Networks Focused on Critical Problems of

Education Policy and Practice and the Transformative Research in the Education Sciences Grant Programs. The application deadline in the NIA was February 25, 2021. We are reopening these competitions for potential applicants that meet the eligibility criteria set out below and applicants that do not meet that eligibility criteria but have planned subawardees and contractors identified in their application that meet that criteria. The eligibility criteria are as follows:

*Eligibility:* The reopening of the competitions in this notice applies to eligible applicants under Research Networks Focused on Critical Problems of Education Policy and Practice and the Transformative Research in the Education Sciences Grant Programs, Assistance Listing Numbers 84.305N and 84.305T, that are located in an area for which the President has issued an emergency declaration (see [www.fema.gov/disasters/](http://www.fema.gov/disasters/)), in Louisiana (FEMA Disaster designation 3556), in Oklahoma (FEMA Disaster designation 3555), and Texas (FEMA Disaster designation 3554).

The reopening of these competitions also applies to applicants that are not located in one of these areas but have planned subawardees and contractors identified in their application that are located in one of these areas.

*Note:* All information in the NIA for this competition remains the same, except for the deadline for the transmittal of applications for these three States.

Applicants that have already timely submitted applications under the FY 2021 Networks Focused on Critical Problems of Education Policy and Practice and the Transformative Research in the Education Sciences Grant Programs competitions may resubmit applications but are not required to do so. If a new application is not submitted, the Department will use the application that was submitted by the original deadline. If a new application is submitted, the Department will consider the application that is last submitted and timely received. Applications that did not meet the original deadline must be resubmitted to be considered for review.

*Program Authority:* 20 U.S.C. 9501 *et seq.*

*Accessible Format:* On request to one of the program contact persons listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, individuals with disabilities can obtain this document and a copy of the application package in an accessible format. The Department will provide the requestor with an accessible format that may include Rich Text Format (RTF) or