

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

[Docket No.: ED–2023–SCC–0130]

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Stronger Connections Grant Program Annual Performance Report**

**AGENCY:** Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Department is proposing a new information collection request (ICR).

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before February 15, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for proposed information collection requests should be submitted within 30 days of publication of this notice. Click on this link [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain) to access the site. Find this information collection request (ICR) by selecting “Department of Education” under “Currently Under Review,” then check the “Only Show ICR for Public Comment” checkbox. [Reginfo.gov](http://Reginfo.gov) provides two links to view documents related to this information collection request. Information collection forms and instructions may be found by clicking on the “View Information Collection (IC) List” link. Supporting statements and other supporting documentation may be found by clicking on the “View Supporting Statement and Other Documents” link.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Sarah Newman, 202–453–6956.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department 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:* Stronger Connections Grant Program Annual Performance Report.

*OMB Control Number:* 1810–NEW.

*Type of Review:* A new ICR.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* Individuals and Households.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 10,053.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 40,636.

*Abstract:* The Bipartisan Safer Communities Act (BSCA) provides \$1 billion in funding to State educational agencies (SEAs) to be distributed under Title IV, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). The BSCA specifies that SEAs must make competitive subgrants to high-need local educational agencies (LEAs), as determined by the SEA, for activities to support safe and healthy students under section 4108 of the ESEA. The Department of Education has designated BSCA section 4108 funds as the Stronger Connections grant program.

This is a new information collection request for the Stronger Connections grant program annual performance reporting. Under the Education Department’s General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR, Section 75.720), grantees shall submit annual performance reports. In addition, in order to receive a Stronger Connections grant award, SEAs were required to submit an assurance that the SEA will submit such other information as the Secretary may later require, such as (1) the identification of the LEAs awarded Stronger Connections grant funds, (2) how the SEA and its LEAs are using Stronger Connections grant funds, and (3) Whether the SEA will evaluate the effectiveness of the SCG program, including the effectiveness of LEA use of SCG funds and, if so, how it will do so.

As part of the public comment period review, ED requests that SEAs and its other stakeholders respond to the directed questions found in Attachment A.

Dated: January 10, 2024.

**Kun Mullan,**

*PRA Coordinator, Strategic Collections and Clearance, Governance and Strategy Division, Office of Chief Data Officer, Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION****Meeting of the National Board for Education Sciences**

**AGENCY:** National Board for Education Sciences, Institute of Education Sciences (IES), U.S. Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of an open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the agenda, time, and instructions to access or participate in the National Board for Education Sciences (hereafter referred to as NBES or Board) virtual meeting scheduled for January 29, 2024. This notice provides information about the meeting to members of the public who may be interested in virtually attending the meeting and/or how to provide written comment(s).

**ADDRESSES:** The virtual meeting will be conducted virtually via Microsoft Teams.

**DATES:** The NBES meeting will be held on Monday, January 29, 2024, from 10 a.m.–4 p.m. (EST).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ellie Pelaez, DFO for NBES, U.S. Department of Education, IES: 550 12th Street SW, Office 4126–1, Washington, DC 20202, telephone: (202) 987–0359, email: [ellie.pelaez@ed.gov](mailto:ellie.pelaez@ed.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of this meeting is required by section 1009(a)(2) of 5 U.S.C. chapter 10 (Federal Advisory Committees).

*Statutory Authority and Function:* The Board is authorized by section 116 of the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002 (20 U.S.C. 9516). The Board is established as part of the U.S. Department of Education, IES, and shall, consistent with 20 U.S.C. 9514, 9515(b)–(c), and 9516 function as a board of directors for IES. The mission of IES is to provide national leadership in expanding fundamental knowledge and understanding of education from early childhood through postsecondary study, in order to provide parents, educators, students, researchers, policymakers, and the general public with reliable information about the condition and progress of education in the United States; educational practices that support learning and improve academic achievement and access to educational opportunities for all students; and the effectiveness of Federal and other education programs.

The Board’s responsibilities are: (1) advise and consult with the Director of IES (Director) on the policies of IES; (2) consider and approve priorities proposed by the Director under 20 U.S.C. 9515 to guide the work of IES; (3)

transmit approved priorities to the appropriate congressional committee (20 U.S.C. 9515(b)); (4) ensure that the priorities of IES and the National Education Centers are consistent with the mission of IES (20 U.S.C. 9515(c)); (5) review and approve procedures for technical and scientific peer review of the activities of IES; (6) advise the Director on the establishment of activities to be supported by IES, including the general areas of research to be carried out by the National Center for Education Research (NCER) and the National Center for Special Education Research (NCSER) (20 U.S.C. 9567); (7) present to the Director such recommendations as it may find appropriate for (a) the strengthening of education research, and (b) the funding of IES; (8) advise the Director on the funding of applications for grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements for research, after the completion of peer review; (9) review and regularly evaluate the work of IES, to ensure that scientifically valid research, development, evaluation, and statistical analysis are consistent with the standards for such activities under this title; (10) advise the Director on ensuring that activities conducted or supported by IES are objective, secular, neutral, and non-ideological, and are free of partisan political influence and racial, cultural, gender, or regional bias; (11) solicit advice and information from those in the educational field, particularly practitioners and researchers, to recommend to the Director topics that require long-term, sustained, systematic, programmatic, and integrated research efforts, including knowledge utilization and wide dissemination of research, consistent with the priorities and mission of IES; (12) advise the Director on opportunities for the participation in, and the advancement of, women, minorities, and persons with disabilities in education research, statistics, and evaluation activities of IES; (13) recommend to the Director ways to enhance strategic partnerships and collaborative efforts among other Federal and State research agencies; (14) recommend to the Director individuals to serve as Commissioners of the National Education Centers; and (15) make recommendations to the President with respect to the appointment of the Director.

**Meeting Agenda:** The agenda for the meeting is as follows: (1) Call to order and welcome remarks by the Chairwoman of the Board; (2) Member roll call; (3) Board member approval of meeting transcript from the December

4–5, 2023 meeting; (4) Board member approval of meeting agenda; (5) discussion of and voting on reports from NBES subcommittees; (6) Discussion of NBES policy priorities; (7) Meeting with a representative from Friends of IES to discuss how they can support NBES efforts; (8) Plan for NBES meetings in upcoming calendar year; (9) Closing remarks and adjournment.

**Instructions for Accessing the Meeting:** Members of the public interested in virtually attending this meeting may email the DFO listed in this notice no later than 11:59 p.m. eastern time (ET) on Wednesday, January 24, 2024. The DFO will provide a link and instructions on how to access the meeting via Microsoft Teams.

**Public Comment:** Members of the public interested in submitting written comments related to the work of NBES may do so by emailing the DFO listed in this notice no later than 11:59 p.m. ET on Wednesday, January 24, 2024. Written comments should pertain to the mission and function of NBES.

**Reasonable Accommodations:** The virtual meeting is accessible to individuals with disabilities. If you will need an auxiliary aid or service for the meeting (e.g., interpreting service, assistive listening device, or materials in an alternate format), notify the DFO listed in this notice no later than January 24th, 2024.

**Access to Records of the Meeting:** The official transcript of this meeting will be available for public review on the IES website, <https://ies.ed.gov/director/board/index.asp>, no later than 90 days after the meeting. Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 1009(b), the public may also inspect NBES records at the U.S. Department of Education, IES, 550 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20202, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET. Please email [ellie.pelaez@ed.gov](mailto:ellie.pelaez@ed.gov) to schedule an appointment.

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this site, you can limit your search to documents published by the Department.

**Authority:** Section 116 of the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002 (20 U.S.C. 9516).

**Mark Schneider,**

*Director, Institute of Education Sciences.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED–2024–SCC–0010]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Data Collection for the Evaluation of the REL Appalachia Teaching Math to Young Children Toolkit

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Department is proposing a new information collection request (ICR).

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before March 18, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED–2024–SCC–0010. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. If the [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) site is not available to the public for any reason, the Department will temporarily accept comments at [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov). Please include the docket ID number and the title of the information collection request when requesting documents or submitting comments. Please note that comments submitted after the comment period will not be accepted. Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Manager of the Strategic Collections and Clearance Governance and Strategy Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave. SW, LBJ, Room 6W203, Washington, DC 20202–8240.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Amy Johnson, 202–453–7439.