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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Felicia Sanders, 202-245-6264.

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: A Study of Reliability and Consequential Validity of a Mathematics Diagnostic Assessment System in Georgia.

OMB Control Number: 1850-NEW.

Type of Review: A new information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 44.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 606.

Abstract: Several school districts in Georgia (including Forsyth and Jefferson Counties) currently use the Individual Knowledge Assessment of Number (IKAN; New Zealand Ministry of Education, 2011) and the Global Strategy Stage (GloSS; New Zealand Ministry of Education, 2012) as part of a diagnostic assessment system within

their multi-tiered systems of support. The IKAN and GloSS assessments were designed for use in Grades K-8 (GaDOE, 2015).

IKAN provides information on students' number knowledge (that is, magnitude comparisons, knowledge of base 10 system and meaning of decimals and fractions), and the GloSS provides information on strategies students use when solving mathematical problems. When used together, the IKAN and GloSS assessments furnish teachers with information on how students solve mathematics problems and students' understanding of whole and rational number concepts. Teachers can then use the information from the assessments to tailor their instruction to students' levels of understanding and address problems that underlie lack of success with grade-level curriculum.

The Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) has received positive feedback through testimonials from district-level personnel and math coaches supporting the use of IKAN/GloSS. Yet, very limited psychometric data exists to support the use of these measures. GaDOE has not conducted reliability or validity studies using its student population. While many studies have been conducted in New Zealand by the Ministry of Education, participating Georgia school districts and the GaDOE are interested in psychometric data using teachers and students in their state in the context of their state system of standards, assessments, and accountability. Thus, through the Improving Mathematics Research Alliance, the GaDOE requested REL Southeast conduct a study to determine the reliability and validity of the IKAN/GloSS diagnostic assessments.

The three research questions guiding the project relate to the inter-assessor reliability of the GloSS and IKAN assessments when administered by two assessors within a one-week period and the consequential validity of using IKAN and GloSS diagnostic assessments (that is, teachers' perception of their instructional utility for providing intervention).

Student data from the IKAN and GloSS assessments administered by teachers and mathematics coaches will be used to answer the two research questions related to the inter-assessor reliability studies.

Dated: October 25, 2018.

Stephanie Valentine,

Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Office of the Chief Privacy Officer, Office of Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission of Data by State Educational Agencies; Submission Dates for State Revenue and Expenditure Reports for Fiscal Year 2018, Revisions to Those Reports, and Revisions to Prior Fiscal Year Reports

AGENCY: National Center for Education Statistics, Institute of Education Sciences, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Secretary announces dates for State educational agencies (SEAs) to submit expenditure and revenue data and average daily attendance statistics on ED Form 2447 (the National Public Education Financial Survey (NPEFS)) for fiscal year (FY) 2018, revisions to those reports, and revisions to reports for previous fiscal years. The Secretary sets these dates to ensure that data are available to serve as the basis for timely distribution of Federal funds. The U.S. Census Bureau is the data collection agent for this request of the Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). The data will be published by NCES and will be used by the Secretary in the calculation of allocations for FY 2020 appropriated funds.

DATES: SEAs can begin submitting data on Thursday, January 31, 2019. SEAs are urged to submit accurate and complete data by Friday, March 29, 2019, to facilitate timely processing. The deadline for the final submission of all data, including any revisions to previously submitted data for FY 2017 and FY 2018, is Thursday, August 15, 2019. Any resubmissions of FY 2017 or FY 2018 data by SEAs in response to requests for clarification or reconciliation or other inquiries by NCES or the Census Bureau must be completed as soon as possible, but no later than Tuesday, September 3, 2019. All outstanding data issues must be reconciled or resolved by the SEAs, NCES, and the Census Bureau as soon as possible, but no later than September 3, 2019.

ADDRESSES AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION: SEAs may mail ED Form 2447 to: U.S. Census Bureau, ATTENTION: Economic Reimbursable Surveys Division, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, MD 20746.

If an SEA's submission is received by the Census Bureau after August 15, 2019, the SEA must show one of the following as proof that the submission was mailed on or before that date:

1. A legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark.

2. A legible mail receipt with the date of mailing stamped by the U.S. Postal Service.

3. A dated shipping label, invoice, or receipt from a commercial carrier.

4. Any other proof of mailing acceptable to the Secretary.

If the SEA mails ED Form 2447 through the U.S. Postal Service, the Secretary does not accept either of the following as proof of mailing:

1. A private metered postmark.

2. A mail receipt that is not dated by the U.S. Postal Service.

Note: The U.S. Postal Service does not uniformly provide a dated postmark. Before relying on this method, an SEA should check with its local post office.

SEAs may submit data online using the interactive survey form on the NPEFS data collection website at: <http://surveys.nces.ed.gov/ccdnpefs>. The NPEFS interactive survey includes a digital confirmation page where a personal identification number (PIN) may be entered. A successful entry of the PIN serves as a signature by the authorizing official. Alternatively, a certification form also may be printed from the website, signed by the authorizing official, and mailed to the Economic Reimbursable Surveys Division of the Census Bureau at the Washington, DC, address provided above, within five business days after submission of the NPEFS web interactive form.

Alternatively, SEAs may hand-deliver submissions by 4:00 p.m. Washington, DC, time on August 15, 2019, to: U.S. Census Bureau, Economic Reimbursable Surveys Division, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, MD 20746.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen Q. Cornman, NPEFS Project Director, National Center for Education Statistics, Institute of Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education. Telephone: (202) 245-7753. Email: stephen.cornman@ed.gov. You may also contact an NPEFS team member at the Census Bureau. Telephone: 1-800-437-4196 or (301) 763-1571. Email: erd.npefs.list@census.gov.

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) or a text

telephone (TTY), call the Federal Relay Service, toll free, at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under section 153(a)(1)(I) of the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002, 20 U.S.C. 9543(a)(1)(I), which authorizes NCES to gather data on the financing and management of education, NCES collects data annually from SEAs through ED Form 2447. The report from SEAs includes attendance, revenue, and expenditure data from which NCES determines a State's "average per-pupil expenditure" (SPPE) for elementary and secondary education, as defined in section 8101(2) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (ESEA) (20 U.S.C. 7801(2)).

In addition to using the SPPE data as general information on the financing of elementary and secondary education, the Secretary uses these data directly in calculating allocations for certain formula grant programs, including, but not limited to, title I, part A, of the ESEA, Impact Aid, and Indian Education programs. Other programs, such as the Education for Homeless Children and Youth program under title VII of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, and the Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants under title IV, part A of the ESEA make use of SPPE data indirectly because their formulas are based, in whole or in part, on State title I, part A, allocations.

In January 2019, the Census Bureau, acting as the data collection agent for NCES, will email ED Form 2447 to SEAs, with instructions, and will request that SEAs commence submitting FY 2018 data to the Census Bureau on Thursday, January 31, 2019. SEAs are urged to submit accurate and complete data by Friday, March 29, 2019, to facilitate timely processing.

Submissions by SEAs to the Census Bureau will be analyzed for accuracy and returned to each SEA for verification. SEAs must submit all data, including any revisions to FY 2017 and FY 2018 data, to the Census Bureau no later than Thursday, August 15, 2019. Any resubmissions of FY 2017 or FY 2018 data by SEAs in response to requests for clarification or reconciliation or other inquiries by

NCES or the Census Bureau must be completed by Tuesday, September 3, 2019. Between August 15, 2019, and September 3, 2019, SEAs may also, on their own initiative, resubmit data to resolve issues not addressed in their final submission of NPEFS data by August 15, 2019. All outstanding data issues must be reconciled or resolved by the SEAs, NCES, and the Census Bureau as soon as possible, but no later than September 3, 2019.

In order to facilitate timely submission of data, the Census Bureau will send reminder notices to SEAs in June and July of 2019.

Having accurate, consistent, and timely information is critical to an efficient and fair Department of Education (Department) allocation process and to the NCES statistical process. To ensure timely distribution of Federal education funds based on the best, most accurate data available, the Department establishes, for program funding allocation purposes, Thursday, August 15, 2019, as the final date by which the SEAs must submit data using either the interactive survey form on the NPEFS data collection website at: <http://surveys.nces.ed.gov/ccdnpefs> or ED Form 2447.

Any resubmissions of FY 2017 or FY 2018 data by SEAs in response to requests for clarification or reconciliation or other inquiries by NCES or the Census Bureau must be completed through the interactive survey form on the NPEFS data collection website or ED Form 2447 by Tuesday, September 3, 2019. If an SEA submits revised data after the final deadline that result in a lower SPPE figure, the SEA's allocations may be adjusted downward, or the Department may direct the SEA to return funds. SEAs should be aware that all of these data are subject to audit and that, if any inaccuracies are discovered in the audit process, the Department may seek recovery of overpayments for the applicable programs.

Note: The following are important dates in the data collection process for FY 2018 data and revisions to reports for previous fiscal years:

Date	Activity
January 31, 2019	SEAs can begin to submit accurate and complete data for FY 2018 and revisions to previously submitted data for FY 2017.
March 29, 2019	Date by which SEAs are urged to submit accurate and complete data for FY 2017 and FY 2018.
August 15, 2019	Mandatory final submission date for FY 2017 and FY 2018 data to be used for program funding allocation purposes.
September 3, 2019	Mandatory final deadline for responses by SEAs to requests for clarification or reconciliation or other inquiries by NCES or the Census Bureau. All data issues must be resolved.

Accessible Format: Individuals with disabilities may obtain this document in an accessible format (e.g., braille, large print, audiotape, or compact disc) on request to: Stephen Q. Cornman, NPEFS Project Director, National Center for Education Statistics, Institute of Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education. Telephone: (202) 245-7753. Email: stephen.cornman@ed.gov.

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Mark Schneider,

Director of the Institute of Education Sciences.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technical Advisory Committee (HTAC)

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an open meeting of the Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technical Advisory Committee (HTAC). The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires notice of the meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Wednesday, December 12, 2018, 8:30 a.m.–5:15 p.m.; Thursday, December 13, 2018, 8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: National Renewable Energy Laboratory, 901 D Street SW, Suite 930, Washington, DC 20024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Email: HTAC@nrel.gov or at the mailing

address: Shawna McQueen, Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, EE-3F, Washington, DC 20585.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Committee: The Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technical Advisory Committee (HTAC) was established under section 807 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPACT), Public Law 109-58; 119 Stat. 849, to provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy on the program authorized by Title VIII of EPACT.

Tentative Agenda: (updates will be posted on the web at: http://hydrogen.energy.gov/advisory_htac.html).

- HTAC Business (including public comment period)
- DOE Leadership Updates
- Program and Budget Updates
- Updates from Federal/State Governments and Industry
- HTAC Subcommittee Updates
- Open Discussion Period

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Individuals who would like to attend and/or to make oral statements during the public comment period must register no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 3, 2018, by email at HTAC@nrel.gov. Entry to the meeting room will be restricted to those who have confirmed their attendance in advance. Please provide your name, organization, citizenship, and contact information. Anyone attending the meeting will be required to present government-issued identification. Those wishing to make a public comment are required to register. The public comment period will take place between 8:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. on December 12, 2018. Time allotted per speaker will depend on the number who wish to speak but will not exceed five minutes. Those not able to attend the meeting or have insufficient time to address the committee are invited to send a written statement to HTAC@nrel.gov.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting will be available for public review at http://hydrogen.energy.gov/advisory_htac.html.

Signed in Washington, DC, on October 26, 2018.

LaTanya Butler,

Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Agency Information Collection Reinstatement, With Change

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Department of Energy (DOE) will submit a request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to review and approve a reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved information collection for which approval has expired regarding reports required pursuant to the Technology Transfer Commercialization Act of 2000.

DATES: Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before December 31, 2018. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, please contact Phillip Harmonick, Attorney-Examiner, Office of Hearings and Appeals, as listed below, as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be sent to Phillip Harmonick, Office of Hearings and Appeals, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585; by fax at (202) 287-1415, or by email at phillip.harmonick@hq.doe.gov. Please refer to OMB Control No. 1910-5118 in all correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Phillip Harmonick at the address listed in **ADDRESSES**.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

DOE's Alternative Dispute Resolution Office is one of four entities required by the Technology Transfer Commercialization Act of 2000 to collect reports from technology partnership ombudsmen at each DOE national laboratory. These reports are intended to demonstrate the extent to which each national laboratory has incorporated alternative dispute resolution techniques into its respective technology transfer program.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

DOE has previously collected reports from ombudsmen using a one-page form. DOE proposes replacing the existing form with a quarterly email concerning the number, nature, and resolution of disputes raised, in a format prescribed by DOE, from each technology partnership ombudsman.