

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before August 17, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting Docket ID number ED-2015-ICCD-0077 or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. If the regulations.gov site is not available to the public for any reason, ED will temporarily accept comments at [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov). Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted; ED will ONLY accept comments during the comment period in this mailbox when the regulations.gov site is not available. Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Mailstop L-OM-2-2E319, Room 2E105, Washington, DC 20202.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Kashka Kubzdela, (202) 502-7411.

**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:* Middle Grades Longitudinal Study of 2016-2017 (MGLS:2017) Item Validation and Operational Field Tests.

*OMB Control Number:* 1850-0911.

*Type of Review:* A revision of an existing information collection.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* Individuals.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 25,951.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 8,729.

*Abstract:* The Middle Grades Longitudinal Study of 2016-2017 (MGLS:2017) is the first study sponsored by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), within the Institute of Education Sciences (IES) of the U.S. Department of Education (ED), to follow a nationally-representative sample of students as they enter and move through the middle grades (grades 6-8). The data collected through repeated measures of key constructs will provide a rich descriptive picture of the academic experiences and development of students during these critical years and will allow researchers to examine associations between contextual factors and student outcomes. The study will focus on student achievement in mathematics and literacy along with measures of student socioemotional wellbeing and other outcomes. The study will also include a special sample of students with different types of disabilities that will provide descriptive information on their outcomes, educational experiences, and special education services. Baseline data for the MGLS:2017 will be collected from a nationally-representative sample of 6th grade students in winter of 2017 with annual follow-ups in winter 2018 and winter 2019 when most of the students in the sample will be in grades 7 and 8, respectively. This request is to concurrently conduct the Item Validation and the Operational Field Tests for the MGLS: 2017, beginning in January 2016. The primary purpose of the Item Validation Field Test is to determine the psychometric properties of items and the predictive potential of assessment and survey items so that valid, reliable, and useful assessment and survey instruments can be composed for the main study. The primary purposes of the Operational Field Test are to obtain information on recruiting, particularly for the targeted disability groups; on obtaining a tracking sample that can be used to study mobility patterns in subsequent years; and on administrative procedures.

Dated: June 11, 2015.

**Stephanie Valentine,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2015-ICCD-0044]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Understanding the Impact of Providing Information to Parents About the Role of Algebra II: An Opportunistic Study

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 3501 *et seq.*), ED is proposing a new information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before July 17, 2015.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Christopher Boccanfuso, 202-219-1674.

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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:* Understanding the Impact of Providing Information to Parents about the Role of Algebra II: An Opportunistic Study.

*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:* 1,468.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 133.

*Abstract:* In June 2013, Texas Governor Rick Perry signed House Bill (HB) 5 into law, which changed high school graduation requirements for public school students in Texas. Prior to this, most students were required to complete algebra II in order to graduate from high school. After the enactment of HB 5, completing algebra II is optional—students may elect to complete algebra II as part of two of the graduation plans offered under HB 5. REL Southwest is working with the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to carry out an opportunistic experiment to determine if directly providing parents/guardians, prior to students' selection of their courses, with information on the importance of completing algebra II for college access and success has an impact on the percentage of students who enroll in and complete algebra II by the end of their junior year. REL Southwest will investigate the impact of providing parents/guardians with information about the role of algebra II in college access and success in a

randomized controlled trial in which the treatment schools provide parents/guardians of students with information about the role of algebra II in college access and success, while control schools continue business-as-usual.

Dated: June 12, 2015.

**Stephanie Valentine,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Fusion Energy Sciences Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Office of Science, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Fusion Energy Sciences Advisory Committee. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Friday, July 17, 2015—3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. EDT.

**ADDRESSES:** Teleconference. Instructions for access can be found on the FESAC's Web site at (<http://science.energy.gov/fes/fesac/meetings/>).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Edmund J. Synakowski, Designated Federal Officer, Office of Fusion Energy Sciences (FES); U.S. Department of Energy; 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-1290, Telephone: (301) 903-4941.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Purpose of the Committee:* To provide advice on a continuing basis to the Director, Office of Science of the Department of Energy, on the many complex scientific and technical issues that arises in the development and implementation of the fusion energy sciences program.

Tentative Agenda Items:

- Presentation on and Discussion of the Report of the SNFA
- Vote on the Report of the SNFA
- Public Comment
- Adjourn

**Note:** Remote attendance of the FESAC meeting will be possible via ReadyTalk. Instructions can be found on the FESAC Web site (<http://science.energy.gov/fes/fesac/meetings/>) or by contacting Dr. Samuel J. Barish by email at: [sam.barish@science.doe.gov](mailto:sam.barish@science.doe.gov) or by phone at: (301) 903-2917.

*Public Participation:* The meeting is open to the public. If you would like to

file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make an oral statement regarding any of the items on the agenda, you should contact Dr. Samuel J. Barish at (301) 903-8584 (fax) or [sam.barish@science.doe.gov](mailto:sam.barish@science.doe.gov) (email). Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements during the Public Comments time on the agenda. The Chairperson of the Committee will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Public comment will follow the 10-minute rule.

*Minutes:* The minutes of the meeting will be available for public review and copying within 30 days on the Fusion Energy Sciences Advisory Committee's Web site at <http://science.energy.gov/fes/fesac/>.

Issued at Washington, DC, on June 11, 2015.

**LaTanya R. Butler,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Portsmouth

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Portsmouth. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Thursday, July 9, 2015—6:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Ohio State University, Endeavor Center, 1862 Shyville Road, Piketon, Ohio 45661.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Greg Simonton, Alternate Deputy Designated Federal Officer, Department of Energy Portsmouth/Paducah Project Office, Post Office Box 700, Piketon, Ohio 45661, (740) 897-3737, [Greg.Simonton@lex.doe.gov](mailto:Greg.Simonton@lex.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE-EM and site management in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management and related activities.

#### Tentative Agenda

- Call to Order, Introductions, Review of Agenda