

May 8, 2012

Ms. Jennifer Jessup  
Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer  
Department of Commerce, Room 6616  
14<sup>th</sup> and Constitution Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20230

Re: *Federal Register* notice of March 26, 2012, for the Annual Survey of School System  
Finances; Form F-33 (OMB Number: 0607-0700)

Dear Ms. Jessup:

The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) strongly supports the continued collection of data by the U.S. Census Bureau's Annual Survey of School System Finances. These data are critical to the quality of several key components of BEA's economic statistics.

Form F-33 is critical to BEA's estimates of state and local government receipts and expenditures for the national income and product accounts (NIPA) and the input-output accounts (I-O). The attached table describes how data from the forms are used by BEA.

Please keep BEA informed about any modifications to the forms. We are particularly interested in any modifications proposed during the forms' approval process that would substantially affect our use of these data. For additional information, please contact Ruth Bramblett, Source Data Coordinator, on 202-606-9653, or by e-mail at [Ruth.Bramblett@bea.gov](mailto:Ruth.Bramblett@bea.gov). Should you need assistance in justifying these forms to the Office of Management and Budget, please do not hesitate to contact BEA.

Sincerely,  
/s/  
Dennis Fixler  
Chief Statistician

Attachment

## ATTACHMENT

### Annual Survey of School System Finances, Form F-33

Items Used	Estimates Prepared for
Revenues (Part I, Sections A - D); Current Operation Expenditure (Part II, Sections A-D); Capital Outlay Expenditures (Part III) ARRA Funds Reporting (Part X)	State & local receipts and expenditures; Personal consumption expenditures; Gross domestic investment in GDP
Property taxes (Part I, Section A, Question 1); General sales or gross receipts tax (I,A,2); Public utility taxes (I,A,3)	Taxes on production and imports in government receipts in GDP
Tuition fees from pupils and parents (I,A,9); Transportation fees from pupils and parents (I,A,10); Textbook sales and rentals (I,A,11); School lunch revenues (I,A,12); District activity receipts (I,A,13)	Personal consumption expenditures in GDP; government services output estimates in I-O
Revenue from other sales and services (I,A,14); Capital outlay expenditures on construction (III,1), on Instructional equipment (III,3), on All other equipment (III,4)	Services output and government purchases in the I-O; gross domestic investment in GDP