

# Bitterroot Valley Education Cooperative

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Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs

TO: Education Desk Officer

RE: Notice of Proposed Information Collection Request entitled *Report on IDEA Part B Maintenance of Effort Reduction and Coordinated Early Intervening Services*

I am very concerned that the proposed report of state fiscal data creates additional burdensome reporting for school districts, educational cooperatives and the state.

This reporting will require us to redirect limited resources from the instructional process for children with disabilities. As it is now, we estimate up to 45% of our administrative resources are dedicated to state and federal reporting.

As it is we undertake and report an independent audit of revenues and expenditures to the state and complete a twenty-nine page detailed financial summary of revenues and expenses to the state annually which is posted on the state Office of Public Instruction web site.

We believe there is sufficient accountability at this time and to require additional reporting would constitute additional unnecessary and burdensome requirements on the state and local education agencies. Thank you for this opportunity to respond to this proposed rule.

Sincerely,



Tim Miller  
Director, Bitterroot Valley Education Cooperative