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## Dear Matt Soldner:

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (WDPI) appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback on the Institute of Education Sciences, United States Department of Education (ED)'s request for comment regarding the Agency Information Collection Activities Comment Request: EDFacts Data Collection School Years 2025-26, 2026-27, and 2027-28 (With 2024-25 Continuation). The WDPI's comments follow below.

The WDPI requests that ED to move forward with #27: IDEA Part B – expand questions from age groups to age, as the defined age groups do not align with the WDPI's policies, and this change would eliminate unnecessary Data Quality alerts, Data Notes, and would avoid point deductions from the Office of Special Education Programs on State IDEA Determinations due to invalid responses based on age range.

The WDPI also recommends enacting #32: Federal Program (Retire FS035). The WDPI encourages retiring this collection as the same data is collected by USA Spending, and retiring this collection would reduce SEA overhead by eliminating duplicative reporting.

Finally, the WDPI does not have concerns with withdrawing the following collections:

- ESEA #2: Section 1003 Funds add aggregation by Federal Fiscal Year
- ESEA #3: Section 1003 Reserved Funds new data
- ESEA #4: Title I, Part A Foster Care add aggregation by Grade Level
- ESEA #6: Title I, Part D Child Welfare Contact new data
- McKinney-Vento #7: Subaward expand subgrant recipient flag and add data. This data is already collected in FFATA reporting.
- McKinney-Vento #8: Liaisons new data
- Measures for Indicators #26: Title I, Part D Programs add questions
- Retirements #30: Migratory Children Eligible 12 Months (FS121)

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The WDPI appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed information collection. The WDPI remains committed to supporting accurate and equitable data collection and welcomes further discussions to refine these recommendations.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have any additional questions, please contact Yvette Johanson, Director, Data Warehouse and Decision Support, at (608) 267-9162 or at <a href="mailto:yvette.johanson@dpi.wi.gov">yvette.johanson@dpi.wi.gov</a>.

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