



# PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF NORTH CAROLINA

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION | Catherine Truitt, *Superintendent of Public Instruction*

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Superintendents and Charter Leaders,

Every school district in the nation will be participating in the U.S. Department of Education's (USED) upcoming 2021 Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC). The CRDC is a valuable source of information about access to educational opportunities in our nation's public schools. As a result of the collection, the data will be published nationally and used by the USED's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) and other USED offices as well as policymakers, researchers and many others in the education community. The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) will again facilitate the transmission of 99% of the CRDC data for the 2020-21 school year to the federal submission tool.

No initial submission of data will be required on the part of any NC Public School Unit (PSU). However, PSUs will be required to provide any missing data, and validate and certify the data submitted by NCDPI. To clarify, PSUs include: LEAs, Charter Schools, Lab Schools, Regional Schools, the Innovative School District, and Residential Schools.

To participate in this service, it is important that every PSU takes the steps necessary to prepare PowerSchool so the data will be available to extract and upload when the federal submission tool is opened.

Participation and completion of the 2021 CRDC by all PSUs is mandatory as per the USED's Office of Civil Rights. Once NCDPI has submitted the data on the behalf of the PSUs, all PSUs are responsible for completing the submission by accessing the federal submission tool, validating and adding any data the NCDPI did not have available, and certifying the data collection before the federal due date.

It is essential that PSUs designate an OCR Coordinator who will be responsible for validating and certifying the CRDC data. The NCDPI requests that all PSUs update the EDDIE system by September 1, 2021, by providing the name of the OCR Coordinator as well as the Student Information Coordinator, so that NCDPI may communicate with the appropriate staff about the collection in advance of the opening date. More information is pending from the OCR regarding submission timelines.

Please contact Terra Dominguez at [terra.dominguez@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:terra.dominguez@dpi.nc.gov) with any questions regarding the CRDC.

Sincerely,

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