



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

August 2015

Dear Chief Executive Officer:

Institutions of postsecondary education that participate in the Federal student financial assistance programs have been required by section 485(f) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, otherwise known as the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (Clery Act), to provide the Secretary with campus crime statistics since 1990 and with fire statistics since the Higher Education Opportunity Act (Public Law 110-315) (HEOA) was enacted on August 14, 2008, reauthorizing the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.

On March 7, 2013, President Obama signed the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 (VAWA) (Pub. Law 113-4), which, among other provisions, amended the Clery Act to require institutions to compile and disclose statistics for incidents of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking and to include certain policies, procedures, and programs pertaining to these incidents in their annual security reports (ASRs). The U.S. Department of Education (Department) published final regulations to implement the VAWA changes on October 20, 2014. Those final regulations have been effective since July 1, 2015. In July 2015, we issued a Dear Colleague Letter GEN-15-15 to provide an overview of the requirements of the regulations and of the changes to the Campus Safety and Security Survey. We have enclosed that letter for your convenience.

Campus Safety and Security Survey

Under the Clery Act, institutions must provide crime and fire statistics for the prior three years to the Department. As in prior years, your institution must provide this data through a Web-based system that can be accessed only by a designated member of your staff. We strongly urge you to appoint someone who is familiar with campus safety and security procedures to serve in this capacity as the Campus Safety Survey Administrator (CSSA) and to forward the enclosed materials and instructions to that person promptly.

For your convenience, the name of your institution's CSSA for last year's collection is shown on the enclosed Registration Certificate along with the new ID and password for this year. The CSSA may enlist the aid of other staff members to complete the survey. However, all communications for this survey will go to the CSSA and that person will be responsible for your institution's data submission during the August 19, 2015, to October 14, 2015, collection period. This includes confirming its accuracy, and "locking" the data for transmission to the Department. Once your institution's data have been reviewed, they will be made available to the general public at <http://ope.ed.gov/security>.

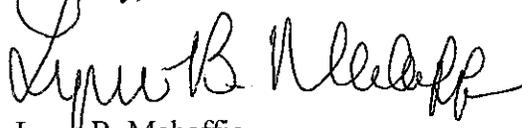
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Remember, providing this information is required as a condition of your institution's continued participation in the Federal student financial assistance programs. To ensure the timeliness of this survey, we will contact you again if your CSSA does not register promptly once the website opens on August 19, 2015.

If you need any additional information or have any questions, please contact the survey Help Desk by phone at 1-800-435-5985 or by e-mail at campussafetyhelp@westat.com.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this important task.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lynn B. Mahaffie". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and "M".

Lynn B. Mahaffie
Deputy Assistant Secretary for
Policy, Planning, and Innovation

Enclosures