UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

August 13, 2026

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 (HEA), known as the Jeanne Clery Campus Safety Act (Clery Act), to provide the Secretary with campus crime statistics since 1990 and with fire statistics since the Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) (Public Law 110-315) was enacted on August 14, 2008, reauthorizing the HEA.

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 online, and only a designated member of your staff can access it. The **2026 Campus Safety and Security Survey** will be conducted from **September 2, 2026 through October 28, 2026**. I strongly urge you to appoint someone who is familiar with campus safety and security procedures to serve as your Campus Safety Survey Administrator (CSSA) and to forward all related materials to that person promptly.

For your convenience, the name of your institution's CSSA for last year's collection has been sent by email along with your institution's new survey ID for this year. Your institution's unique password will be sent in a separate email for security reasons. You will not be receiving a paper registration packet by mail. The CSSA may enlist the aid of other staff members to complete the survey. However, all survey communication will go to the CSSA, and that person will be responsible for your institution's data submission during the **September 2, 2026 to October 28, 2026 collection period**. This includes confirming its accuracy, and "locking" the data for transmission to the Department. After we review your institution's data, they will be publicly available online at http://ope.ed.gov/campussafety.

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 if your CSSA does not register promptly once the website opens on September 2, 2026.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this important work. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact the survey Help Desk by phone at 1-800-435-5985 or by e-mail at campussafetyhelp@westat.com.

Sincerely,

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