General Updates

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Session Agenda

• End of year reminders
• Reporting education delivery model and technology access
• Upcoming Data Collector enhancements
• Budget time!
• SLDS Grant updates
End of Year Reminders

• Some assessment collections will be open longer than usual
  – State test results coming back to the districts later than usual; be sure to coordinate schedules
• Grade substitution again, but only for grade 11 and 12
  – Can report both if also took assessment; we use highest
• Get Education Delivery Model and Technology Access codes reported

Reporting Learning Mode and Tech Access

• In some way, this information will appear on or linked from the report card
• Publishing the data was a USDOE requirement for not issuing grades on this year’s report card
• We still stand by our communication that reporting the data is optional for this school year, however…
• If a student’s status is “unknown”, it will be visible in aggregate to the public
• Some districts are leveraging a survey to teachers, not parents, to get information
Reporting Learning Mode and Tech Access

• Remember the priority (March 23 Newsflash):
  1. District and Building data on education delivery model (section 5.3)
  2. Individual student exceptions to education delivery model (section 2.9, 7001xx codes)
  3. District-level data on district-provided hardware and connectivity (section 5.3)
  4. Individual student access to internet connectivity (section 2.9, 7004xx codes)
  5. Individual student access to hardware (section 2.9, 7002xx codes)

Data Collector Enhancements

• Coming soon- definitely by next school year
• Add student name to received files
• On received files, only show the latest version of the file by ITC
• Separate Level 2 Report CSV files by building IRN or by another ODE-selected column (usually result code)
• Easier for ODE to update a Level 2 Report after initial release
Budget Time!

- Hard to know what will happen at this point
- Significant differences between Governor, House, and expected Senate bills
- If House version of funding adopted, 2 major changes for EMIS
  - Gifted funded by FTE- report all year
  - Fund many more students where they are educated

SLDS Grant Updates

- Two sessions on SLDS products later today
  - Student Claiming Module at 9:15
    - June 2021 release to ODDEX
  - Progress Towards Graduation at 1:15
    - Early fall 2021 release to ODDEX
SLDS Grant Updates

• Early Warning System initial release in late fall
  – Need student grade data this spring to develop model
  – Earlier submission next year
• All modules likely to involve staff in the district beyond the EMIS coordinator
  – Communications push to school staff in the fall
  – Some access on day one- others will need new OEDS roles

Focus Groups

• Help make sure the products meet the needs of the field
• Many focus groups needed throughout the project
• Small groups (usually 5-8) so that a conversation can take place, but we can have multiple groups for the same topic
• Will invite volunteers from the volunteer pool to RSVP for specific groups
• Should be able to accommodate all volunteers, but may be staff capacity limits in some cases
Focus Groups

• For each group, ODE will share
  – The Focus Question(s) for the group
  – A description of the background of the ideal volunteers
  – The time commitment (number of sessions and length) for the specific group
  – Any requested preparation for volunteers to complete before the first meeting (such as reviewing a document)
  – The desired outcome of the session(s)

Still Adding Volunteers!

• Have about 100 volunteers at this time, but if you know of additional people who are interested, have them email EMIS@education.ohio.gov
• Include their name, district, role in the district, and note that you referred them
• Kickoff sessions later this month, but new people can still join at any time