

ODE EMIS Conference Call Summary

3.23.20 Notes provided Naja Bailey (META) and Catherine Wright (NEONET)

Payments – Will be on the normal schedule.

Reporting windows – two different reporting windows set to close this week...

- Summer/Fall End of Course
- Five Year Forecast (Optional)

Planning to close as scheduled right now. Summer/Fall EOC, if someone hasn't reported anything yet, please get them in. Even if because what is going on right now, districts cannot finish up that submission, there are other opportunities, EOC are some exams that are allowed to be submitted after the first window. Also going to close the Five Year Forecast at the end of this week and then switch over to the mandatory reporting window next week.

Fall ELA Collection – Scheduled to close the end of next week (April 3rd). ODE will let districts know if that is extended.

KRA – Scheduled to close on April 24th and ODE anticipates that they will keep that close date.

March D Follow Up – Scheduled to close April 24th but ODE is thinking that it will be extended. Tentatively leaning towards May 1st as the new close date. A newsflash will go out with the extension information.

Cohort Appeals – ODE has closed the appeals for Grad Cohorts for graduation cohorts being changed. There were a few hundred appeals come in and most of them require one-by-one research so it is going to take a little time before ODE has the results of those appeals incorporated into the graduation reports. There will be communication go out once they have incorporated the appeals. Just know that the appeals have been received but it will take a little bit of time to get them researched, implemented and have them actually reflected in the graduation reports that are currently out there.

Calendar- Not a lot of information yet because ODE needs to wait on the legislature to act. There is encouragement for districts to do some sort of online learning or other methods to keep learning going while the buildings are closed. If you are closed, go ahead and add Calamity Day EMIS Exceptions if you are **not** providing any distance learning. If you were closed for students because staff was working on plans, then those need reported with Calamity Day and Staff Professional Day exceptions, as usual. If districts are closed but are doing Blizzard Bags, distance learning or another form, we won't know details until the legislature acts. On the ODE Vendor call last week, we discussed the possibility that they will need to add new DN element for some new category, and they agreed something could happen within 3-4 weeks at most. So that is another possibility.

Q: Do you mean to report the actual Calamity Day exception, instead of Unplanned Day Out?

A: Yes, use Calamity Day exception for days due to the corona virus that schools are not

offering any instruction, but don't just enter those for every day they're closed. We need a little patience on the legislature, so hopefully by the next call we can provide a little more direction.

Q: March 1 going forward, is it ok to leave them in if there were already there?

A: We'll have more specific details later. If they say corona virus days closed need special treatment, anyone who used Calamity Day may need to change, depends on what the legislature decides.

Q: What about meeting the minimum required hours?

A: Again, we'll wait for the legislature to act, it's hard to weigh in on that. If they say they're meeting hours by March, it comes down to how the legislature counts these days in terms of whether they've met their schedule by the end of March. Hard to comment until we know what legislative requirements are going to be. We've done some analysis on calendars, and very few would have met calendar requirements by the end of March.

Q: Will it hurt if they don't report Calendar updates to put in these calamity days until we hear something further?

A: ODE will just keep computing their calendar on whatever they have at this time, until they get other data. Still trying to get everyone to submit Final Calendar so they have a general idea of weather-related days out. We do want everyone to get at least one Final Calendar submitted, and Chad was sending out emails to ITC's letting them know who hadn't submitted at all yet. Once the rules are kind of known, then we'll want everyone to update their calendars, so we know what they actually did, especially if the students return to their buildings. If everyone stayed closed, we could infer something, but if some are closed and others are not, then it will be especially important to know which ones actually reopened and which didn't. At least get the weather-related exceptions done, there is no urgency to get any of the virus-closure updates reported right now.

Q: Did you say Chad sent an email?

A: Not all ITCs got it if they didn't have any districts who hadn't submitted yet at all.

Q: We can use Calamity Day for these corona virus days being closed, but the thing they need to wait on is how they did online learning such as blizzard bags?

A: We don't want them to put in Calamity Days for the rest of the year. It could be that the legislature says you can get credit, so we only need calamity days reported on days when no instruction at all was provided. We don't want them to have to go back and take them out. If there was truly a closure with no instruction of any kind, go ahead and report Calamity Day exception.

Q: Who should report a student moving between districts at this time, the new or previous district?

A: No specific guidance from yet, this could be the rest of the school year, we don't know yet. Start transitioning the student to the new district, just provide as much flexibility as you can to keep kids learning. Do what is in the best interest of the student. They can legitimately enroll in your district; it may be difficult for you to get them started on distance learning but do what is best. This was a closure of school BUILDINGS, not a closure of SCHOOL. If a student comes to you and is eligible to enroll, you should be enrolling them.

Q: Are they considered Absent if they don't do online instruction?

A: That will have to wait until we see what we hear from the legislature. It's likely we'll end up with some hybrid, even though learning is happening online we won't go to a full e-School model on that much flexibility of when they do work, some things may be considered absences but we just don't know at this point.

Q: What about Assessments?

A: The USDOE has given states the chance to apply for assessment waivers, and we are discussing what that means in Ohio. Some states aren't doing spring assessments, but again, we need to wait for the legislature. E-School students must test, or they can't be funded. Work on this is happening, and we'll have more info hopefully soon. Some assessments windows may or may not end up being needed. It could be a mixture, such as those that count for Grad, and early learning assessments that are based on interactions with the child. No concrete EMIS answers until at least a week after the legislature acts.

This is not complete business-as-usual, but we're trying. As ODE staff have transitioned to working from home, you will have less success with phone calls, so electronic communication is preferred. EMIS helpdesk meetings still happen every day, we are still working on EMIS Changes, and other things. We encourage you to continue using electronic communication and we appreciate your patience.

Conference Call: Monday, April 6, 2020

Change Call: Wednesday, April 8, 2020