

ODE ITC Call 3/7/2022

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**ODE EMIS training** – The next round of ODE EMIS training sessions via Microsoft Teams is coming up next week, March 14-18, 2022. Register via STARS on your OH|ID account.

**ODE Change Calls** – Will resume this Wednesday for ITC staff. The last few were cancelled but they are holding one this month to start going through changes for next school year.

**FY21 College Credit Plus (CCP)** – ODE is now on a schedule to close each fiscal year within 6-12 months after the end of the fiscal year. The first deadline for FY21 is coming up next week for colleges, with their last opportunity to update any FY21 student data. If districts have any FY21 CCP courses that still have flags or need reviewed, ODE asks that you get that done in case there is something the college needs to fix in order to make the data work correctly. Colleges have until March 15 to submit updated data and ODE will process it later that week. We will then be in the final review period for FY21 CCP courses, so that final payments can be made in July and then FY21 CCP will be closed.

**FY22A Fall 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading Assessment** – This collection closed last Friday. Typically appeals become available right after a collection closes, but the appeal period for this collection will be done in July. If districts forgot to submit or need to make any corrections, they can load updated data into the Data Collector so that it's available once the appeals are ready to open this summer.

**ODE Shutting Down VMS System** – ITCs should start researching this. ODE has been trying for several years to shut down the VMS system. The change in funding law this year has pushed them to begin because the new funding process is not running on VMS, it is totally running on the new system. In the coming months, ODE will be shutting down the VMS system. ODE files aren't being distributed that way anymore for districts, and there is no longer any State funding running on that system. One thing still happening on VMS (not used for EMIS anymore) is the DISBLD file is still put out on the FTP site for ITCs to come and get. Sometime this summer, ODE expects they will stop producing that file. SSDT and ODE have been looking at SSDT processes. SSDT is taking care of what they need for Classic USAS/USPS, and none of those files that come out of VMS are used in the Redesign software. ODE understands that some SIS vendors, or other software developed locally, may use that DISBLD file. If that is the case, we've been saying for years that the file is coming to the end of life, and we are there. OEDS has been the system of record for all the information that's on the file for at least a decade, if not longer, so if you are using DISBLD straight from ODE, you need to find an alternative.

There is a file that SSDT shares to ITCs for Classic USAS/USPS to use, ITCs don't come straight to ODE for that. SSDT has come up with a replacement process for that, and it will be called the same thing with the same fields and still be distributed to ITCs. There will just be a new method for ITCs to get it after a while. From July 2022 through December 2022, Classic USAS/USPS will get it the same way they are now, from NWOCA. Once NWOCA's VMS system goes away, there will have to be a new method if they need it, but SSDT will work on it.

#### **Q&A**

**Q:** Our SIS vendor is using that file to verify IRNs. When exactly will it be gone and is there another method? I guess we will work with ODE on that.

**A:** Yes, we'll have to work on that. The VMS system is going off support on our end July 1. I'm not sure of the date they plan to shut the server down, they are still working through those discussions because there are a few other miscellaneous activities that happen through that server. It could be shortly before July 1 or even 6 months later, but it is coming soon. For IRNs, part of how SSDT is doing that is there is a file that gets put in the database for the data collector at every ITC that has all the IRNs in it. It does not have addresses information, which is probably the biggest difference in the file we pushed out for EMIS processing and what was on DISBLD previously. If all you are using is Valid IRN and Org Type, the *REF\_DIST\_BLDG* table is there at every ITC, updated every day of the week. So that might be another possible source, or the file that SSDT is sending out could be another source, or there is also a csv service where you can go to a webpage interactively and get a csv from OEDS to get data right from the source. ODE can help you figure out what the options are, especially if you just need a list of IRNs from the data collector.

**Q:** There's a second *REF\_DIST\_BLDG* table in the data collector that has "non reporting" at the end of it (*REF\_DIST\_BLDG\_NON\_RPTING*). Would that also contain non-reporting entities IRNs (such as Autism Scholarship)? Is that the same type of thing?

**A:** It is the same type of thing but with very limited IRNs. Basically, *REF\_DIST\_BLDG*, as it exists in EMIS, does not include all entities in the world, it only includes those entities which could be listed in an IRN field on an EMIS table. Some autism providers exist in *REF\_DIST\_BLDG*, but I'm not sure we have all of those providers. The Non-reporting one only has the area coordinator offices in it, because ODE needed a reference table to connect the main *REF\_DIST\_BLDG* to, in case they needed to run reports by area coordinator regions. So, there's not a lot in that non-reporting table; we had talked about maybe adding management organizations for community schools and a couple other types. Just to be clear, if you look at those tables in the EMIS data collector, it doesn't cover all possible IRNs in existence. It comes down to what set of IRNs you are using and what viable alternative there's going to be. You can get all IRNs through the export, they don't change that frequently. You may just have to come up with a process to scrape those IRNs from ODE's website or something like that. We're happy to help where we can.

**Q:** How do we know if we are using it?

**A:** If your ITC is using it, you'd have to have some process for coming to our public FTP site and downloading it on a regular basis. I doubt you are using it, but we don't know for sure so we're asking you to check. The other thing to check is if you have some custom software at your ITC that uses IRNs, doublecheck to see where you are getting valid IRNs from.

**Q:** We need clarification on what was addressed in a previous ticket for reporting WD81 for an Open Enrolled student.

**A:** My suggestion is to reopen that ticket and we'll have some discussion on that and get back to you.

### **Upcoming Calls**

ODE Change Call – Wednesday 3/9/2022

ODE ITC Call – Monday 3/21/2022