

ODE EMIS Conference Call Summary

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

FY22 Collections opening this week.

- COS
- Fall 3rd Grade Reading
- DPR

While some of those collections are out, districts can start preparing data until these collections officially open later this week, hopefully Thursday.

FY21 Grad - Collection has closed

FY21 Grad Appeals - Window is now open including appeals of cohort designations. Regular Grad appeals are for data you submitted during the Grad window. Cohort appeals are for any student that you have documentation that they were assigned to the incorrect cohort when they were at a previous district so they count at the proper cohort for your district.

New Data Collector – Working on a new version of the data collector and ODE is in the final phases of testing. They do expect that in the next few weeks, the new version will be available for ITCs to install. There isn't anything ITCs will need to do to install the new version. Next call, ODE should demonstrate a couple of things in the new data collector before the release.

Q: Is there a deadline for ITCs to upgrade to the new Data Collector?

A: Not at this time. For most of the differences of the collectors, we don't see an issue. I think there are some functionalities that districts will appreciate. Especially being able to add names to files and being able to break apart some of the larger Level 2 reports into smaller, manageable parts. Not quite ready to update the report collector. I think it will become a bigger issue once we update the report collector on our end. Once that update is complete, then we will be able to make updates and changes to existing Level 2 reports. When we update the first report, if you haven't updated your Data Collector that Level 2 report will break for your districts. I would say we are at least 6 weeks out from updating the Report Collector. You should have plenty of time to get the Data Collector scheduled for update.

Q: How do we find out who is on the Tech email list you have?

A: Alex normally does that directly. Email Alex and see who is on for you.

Q: When you're talking about showing us some things in the new Data Collector that would be separate from what Alex would be sending out directions for later?

A: Yes. What I would be showing you would not be the installation process since Alex usually deals with that. I would be showing you at least one or two functions in there that are primarily ITC functions in case you would like to utilize them. That would be done on a conference call.

ODDEX – I do believe we have made some progress. We've changed quite a few things working with the application server and database server provider. They have increased the number of simultaneous connections that are allowed and added extra processing power to the database. They found some things that were wrong with the way some CPUs were set up when we moved to a new virtual host. There have been a lot of things that have been done on the hardware backend side. The front end side, you should have received a few emails from Theresa that using the SSID global search is actually a much faster way to find out information on student. Also, a change to the menus for Student Cross Reference (SCR) was recently released because running all conflicts at the same time is what breaks the back of ODDEX with the number of conflicts that exist. The change to menu option so instead of having a single menu option for SCR it's now a dropdown menu like some of the other modules are. If you want to see the most recent conflicts that have come up, it allows you go straight to the conflicts that have changed the last 20 days.

Q: At OAEP Friday, some elements were listed as being eliminated for funding for HS Graduation bonus, K3 Literacy. Are those still reportable for other purposes or do you see any of these going away?

A: I don't see any data elements that get reported in EMIS going away because that change is in the funding. Those funding pieces were primarily driven off report card data and so the funding system isn't using that report card output anymore. There was a reform bill around the report card but there's not a whole lot of concrete information on what the trickle down changes will be for EMIS, if any. Our expectation is that if there are changes, it would be for FY23 not FY22 changes. The funding does not cause any changes in any of those pieces but it is possible that some of the report card might cause some changes especially around the K3 Literacy piece.

Q: I had a question from a district regarding absences due to COVID and quarantine. They are saying since they don't have the new online, should they be counting those absences as a district excused, or is that totally up to their district policy? Is there guidance?

A: I am not aware of any specific guidance that we have put out around that. If a student is absent due to quarantine or personal illness, those in the administrative code, were allowed absence reasons so they would be excused absences. Anything beyond that, would be governed by district policy.

Q: In talking about quarantine with the PEBT, we are getting questions from districts on sending out the free/reduced lunch applications. Can you clarify if the applications are not sent out every year for EMIS reporting, then are students considered free/reduced or not if they were last year and no applications are returned this year?

A: It is an annual thing for EMIS reporting purposes. You do have the direct certification option and most of your students that are going to qualify you will be able to verify through the direct certification whether you get a form back or not. We encourage districts to use that. It is an annual process that needs to happen for EMIS reporting for fee discounts, etc.

Next Call:

ODE ITC Call: Monday, November 1, 2021