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Data Director Key Contact

MEETING MINUTES 1/15/2008

Excellent meeting! Thanks to all the districts in participation:

Barry

Delton – Kellogg
Hastings

Branch

Branch ISD
Bronson
Coldwater
Quincy

Calhoun

Albion
Battle Creek
Bellevue
CACC
Harper Creek
Homer
Lakeview
Mar Lee
Marshall
Olivet
Pennfield
Tekonsha

Online Student Testing

The long wait is almost over for the online student testing module. Achieve is hoping to release the module sometime in the next month or two. Rest assured as soon as information is passed on to me I will forward it to you.

Special Ed data

Special ed data is being loaded for both the Fall and spring submissions. Achieve will have a Y/N option on the student search page to quickly identify students who were either Special Ed in the Fall or Spring submission and also if they currently are identified as Special Ed in the SIS.

Explore/PLAN data

I have the 05/06 template and assessment ready for any district interested in having this data loaded in Data Director. You send me the data, and I will get it entered. I didn't know this but there is a cost to get the data for the Explore/PLAN tests, it was mentioned \$100.00 for both assessments. Also, if any district has their data for the 06/07 assessments please let me know. I need to get a layout and assessment in Data Director created for that academic year.

Early Childhood Data

Numerous districts are starting to look at how they can track their Early Childhood Data in Data Director. Currently most Zangle districts have their Pre-K students being loaded with the regular daily updates between Zangle and Data Director. Branch ISD has really made leaps and bounds analyzing their Pre-K data against MEAP and Local assessments, along with demographics, kindergarten risk factors, and Dibels data.

Test Series

This is another great addition to the tools available for us in Data Director that allows users to create a snapshot of Common Assessments/Exams for a given data across multiple grade levels. This will provide for easier, more powerful reporting using assessments and exams with Pre-Built and Custom Reports. Having the ability to analyze this data in the pre-built reports (Pivot Table and the Multiple Assessment Listing Report) has been a request for some time now. **REMEMBER**, Please call me if you have ANY questions as you begin to create test series from your current exams and assessments for your staff.

Programs/Demographics

It was great to hear from the districts on how each is using programs and demographics. Although these two features in Data Director mirror each other, there is a minor difference. In a nutshell, Programs will flag a child and a demographic allows you to report on data collected for a student. Please call or email with any questions as you begin to use either.

Teacher Survey

There is an option to create an assessment for teachers now when creating assessments. The question of using data director as a survey type tool for teachers and administrators is asked routinely. Now with this built in option surveying teachers is as easy as building an assessment for students. Examples might be perception surveys, post PD surveys, satisfaction survey, etc... Another example of how this might be used is as follows:

It would be a great tool to survey teachers about instructional practices they are implementing, perhaps as a follow-up to a PD day. Questions could be asked about if they have used a strategy with their students, how often, and with what results. Another possibility would be a survey to gauge the climate in the building (do you collaborate with teachers about successes and failures, do you feel supported by your principal, etc.). – Peggy Stewart, Educational Consultant, CISD

Data for Student Success

Mike Oswald and Julie McDonald reviewed the professional development that the cohorts not only in our tri county area but in the other partner ISDs in the Data for Student Success grant are receiving. The data inquiry tool that has been created as part of the grant is targeted to audiences who need access to snapshot data that has been submitted to the state during SRSD and MEAP. Our districts will find the data quality check tool, student history extract, and item analysis informative as they continue to use Data Director to tie that data to local assessments. Accounts have been created. If you need help in creating accounts, see the www.data4ss.org site as well as contact Mike Oswald with any questions.

Fees for Data Director for Calhoun and Branch districts

Calhoun ISD has been awarded another year of funding for Data for Student Success. As a result, we will be covering the cost of Data Director for the fourth school year in a row (2008/9 school year). This is great news considering when we started this project in 2005 we only committed to two years of funding from the ISD. We are using grant and technology consortium funds to cover the costs. The cost of the product will be partially funded by Calhoun ISD in 2009/10 and fully funded by participating districts in 2010/11. The plan is:

- Data Director is \$5.50 per student and includes test bank (would have been \$6.50 but due to expanded use by several districts in Michigan, the cost has been reduced)
- 2005 - 2009: Calhoun ISD pays \$5.50 per student and provides technical support; no added cost to districts
- 2009/10: Calhoun ISD pays \$1.50 per student and provides technical support; participating districts pay \$4 per student
- 2010/11 and on: Calhoun ISD provides technical support; participating districts pay \$5.50 per student

Data Director is currently being used by all but one district in Calhoun and all districts in Barry and Branch. Additionally, we have informal relationships with these ISDs who are in various stages of implementing Data Director: Eaton ISD, Jackson ISD, St. Clair RESA, Eastern UP ISD, Macomb ISD.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mike Oswald, Mary Gehrig or Becky Rocho with any questions.

A few things to remember:

Managing users: If you have a group of users you need to change login information for (User ID/Passwords) contact me. I have a tool that can reset user id and passwords for either all or a group of users.

MEAP: MEAP data is scheduled to be released sometime this week and will be loaded into Data Director shortly thereafter.

Trainings/Support: If you have or need assistance with any trainings or support issues in your district contact me. We have conducted numerous Data Director Trainings across the consortium on exams, assessments, reporting, and interpreting the reports and would love to help your district if needed.

Data Director website: The Data Director website for the consortium is up and running. The site can be accessed at the following link:

<http://www.calhounisd.org/departments/curriculumassessment/datadirector/>

Achieve Handouts: Achieve has created wonderful handouts on most everything in the system from general navigation to building exams with the item bank. They also have added all handouts from the 2007 user conference. There were lots of wonderful handouts, and presentations please take a look when you get a minute (or five ☺).

Upcoming Data Director Key Contacts meeting for the 2007/2008 school year are as follows:

March 11, 2008 from 1:30 - 3:30 @ CISD in rooms A&B

May 13, 2008 from 1:30-3:30 @ CISD in rooms A&B

As always if you have any questions please contact me,

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