

**DATA Project
Progress Review
August 2008**

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August DATA Project Progress Review

1 Executive Summary

During the month of August, field testing of Strand 1 Instructional trainings occurred in Portland at the State Superintendent's Summer Institute. This provided an opportunity to use participants' reaction to the training to assist in the development of assessment tools (Participant Information, Pre-Assessment, and Session Evaluation). These tools were then refined and field tested along with the Strand 1 Training for the Roseburg School District. Data was collected and a database construct was designed to assist in the analysis of collected data. Initial reaction to the Project's work has been very positive.

A formal plan for evaluating the impact of the Data Project's work was developed. It was used as a beginning point in discussions with the Northwest Regional Lab to create a partnership for the application of a federal grant for evaluation (CFDA 84.305E). The discussion of possible partnership began in June but appears to not be on track to allow for grant application. Feedback gained at the meeting, supports the initial Data Project Evaluation Plan components.

Work is continuing with the KIDS3 project. A critical RFP for technical support in the creation of the ETL process is making slow progress through the procurement process. A few of the regional data warehouses are beginning to upload data to the State's data warehouse. Communication between the KIDS3 leadership, the Data Warehouse Consortium, and the Data Project has resulted in positive reactions and will continue to be a critical component of the Project's overall success.

2 Summary of Progress for the month of August 2008

2.1 Review of Activities and Outputs

2.1.1 Project Related Meetings

- Superintendent's Summer Institute 8/4-5/2008
- Strand 1 Training at Roseburg 8/15/2008
- Data Warehouse Consortium Meeting 8/18/2008

2.1.2 Project Reports

- Bi-Weekly Status Reports 8/8 and 8/22/2008
- SLDS August Written Report 8/14/2008

2.1.3 Project Documentation – Under Review

- Created DATA Project Evaluation Plan

2.1.4 Project Tasks – Completed

- Developed, revised, finalized Strand 1 Pre- and Post-Assessment tools
- Published Strand 2 RFP

2.1.5 Project Tasks – In Progress

- Presenting Project Evaluation Plan to various stakeholders/audiences for reactions and input
- Creating Database construct to analyze data collected from Strand 1 session assessment tools (Participant Information, Pre-Assessment, and Session Evaluation documents)

3 Planned Activities for September 2008

3.1 Project Meetings

- Evaluation Plan Presentations
 - 9/3(ODE)
 - 9/11 (EESC)
 - 9/11 Longitudinal Data Team Strategic Planning Meeting
 - 9/26 (OAESD conference)
- Data Quality Work Group Joint Meeting 9/30/2008

3.2 Project Reports

- Bi-Weekly Status Report 9/5 & 9/19/2008
- SLDS Project Progress Report 9/11/2008
- Quarterly update of Project Map to NCES 9/15/2008

3.3 Project Documentation – Review and/or Approval

- Revise Project Evaluation Plan

3.4 Project Tasks

- Prepare first draft of Technical Training Strands and roadmap
- Prepare for roll-out of Strand 2 Training in October
- Present Strand 1 Trainings – Klamath County

4 Attachments

4.1 Bi-Weekly Report 8/8/08

STATUS REPORT	Status: Green [X] Red [] Yellow []		
	Cause: Time [] Scope [] Quality []		
Date covered:	<i>July 25 – August 8, 2008</i>		
Project Name:	<i>DATA Grant</i>		
Project Manager:	<i>Ron Hoppes</i>	Project Director:	<i>Baron Rodriguez</i>
Milestones-Activity Since Last Report (<i>progress/outcomes & problems</i>): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ <i>We have a final version of the Pre-Strand 1 Instructional Survey and the Participant Survey.</i> ❖ <i>The survey is posted on the project website and is functional as fill-able PDF.</i> ❖ <i>Developing a database structure to provide analysis of survey results.</i> ❖ <i>Attended the Summer Institute and observed a Strand 1 PD session.</i> ❖ <i>Formal meeting with Joel Robe was held and established working partnership.</i> ❖ <i>Drafted a list of areas to assess with a Post-Strand 1 – Instructional survey. Waiting on responses from Art and Mickey.</i> ❖ <i>Prepared first NCES report with input from key personnel.</i> 			
Next Period Milestones/Activities (<i>high level outline of how you will get from A-Z</i>): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ <i>Finalize the Post Strand 1 Instructional survey</i> ❖ <i>Complete a second field test of survey instruments</i> ❖ <i>Refine the database structure for analysis of surveys.</i> ❖ <i>Update the project Gantt chart (scheduled for Tues, Aug.12)</i> 			
Challenges/ Obstacles: <i>Initial pilot of fill-able PDF survey was met with technical challenges related to Macintosh setup and compatibility with Acrobat Reader and email systems.</i>		Challenges/ Obstacles Mitigation: Refine the directions for the survey and pilot again at the Roseburg training on Aug. 15.	
Comments Next status report due August 23, 2008			

4.2 Bi-Weekly Status Report 8/22/08

STATUS REPORT	Status: Green [X] Red [] Yellow []		
	Cause: Time [] Scope [] Quality []		
Date covered:	<i>August 9, - August,22 2008</i>		
Project Name:	<i>DATA Grant</i>		
Project Manager:	<i>Ron Hoppes</i>	Project Director:	<i>Baron Rodriguez</i>
Milestones-Activity Since Last Report (<i>progress/outcomes & problems</i>):			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ <i>Finalized Strand 1 Participant, Pre-Assessment, and Post-Assessment documents.</i> ❖ <i>Finalized formal Strand 1 Evaluation Plan document.</i> ❖ <i>Attended first Data Warehouse consortium meeting.</i> ❖ <i>Made contact with Don Wolff regarding webex options for Technical Training modules.</i> ❖ <i>Updated Gantt chart with verification of process from Dennis Boston.</i> ❖ <i>Major progress on database construction for Strand 1 data</i> ❖ <i>Successful processing of Strand 1 data from Roseburg School District.</i> 			
Next Period Milestones/Activities (<i>high level outline of how you will get from A-Z</i>):			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ <i>Lay out construct of the Technical Training strands.</i> ❖ <i>Begin database construct to handle two point in time analysis of Strand 1 data.</i> 			
Challenges/ Obstacles:		Challenges/ Obstacles Mitigation:	
Comments			
Next status report due September 5, 2008			

4.3 SLDS Monthly Status Report 8/14/08

SLDS MONTHLY STATUS NOTES

STATE: OREGON

DATE: THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 2008

FROM: RON HOPPES

ACTION ITEM STATUS:

1. Approval of Budget Change Request Document. *Pending*

NOTE: Please remember to include both Kashka Kubzdela (Kashka.Kubzdela@ed.gov) and Sarah Schaller Ruano (sarah.schaller@ed.gov) in your SLDS related correspondence.

QUESTIONS

1. What type of any non-proprietary products do you have to-date that could be disseminated as examples to other states?
*Any of our project documentation located at either:
www.oregondataport.org or www.ode.state.or.us/go/kids*
2. What topics would you like to be covered during the upcoming Annual SLDS Grantee Meeting on November 13-14 that would help you with your project and decision making?
 - *Integration of K-12 systems with higher education - examples, recommendations, policy news.*
 - *Growth considerations: Policies, measurements, best practices, lessons learned from those states that are measuring students over time.*

NOTES

* *Written updates provided by the Oregon Department of Education are the basis for this section.*

Updates:

- A formal professional development evaluation plan is being created.

- Evaluation Surveys for Strand 1-Instructional are being created, piloted, and posted to the DATA Project website.
- Database is being constructed to facilitate analysis of Strand 1 professional development feedback.
- Strand 1 of Instructional training, “Creating a DATA Culture, One of Inquiry” continues to be piloted. Fine tuning and minor changes are being made. Initial feedback is extremely positive.
- Mickey presented a 2-day class on “Creating a Data Culture” at the Superintendent’s Summer Institute on August 4th and 5th. This is a special institute sponsored by the State Superintendent for Public Instruction for district superintendents throughout Oregon.
- Designing different delivery options for trainings (e.g. full days, ½ days, 1-2 hour blocks).
- Data Quality Work Group (DQWG) meeting set for September 30 will include presentation on the evaluation component of professional development and the sustainability plan for the technical infrastructure to ultimately be presented to the 2009 legislature.
- RFP for Strand 3, awarded to University of Arkansas, has been finalized.
- RFP for Strand 2 is on its way to our legal department.

Challenges/Obstacles/Opportunities & Areas Needing Improvement:

- ETL support is needed by districts for preparing local data for transition to regional data warehouses.
- Key data warehouse vendor staff member unexpectedly resigned.
- Data warehouse vendor RFP still tied up in our legal department but a meeting with the assigned lawyer clarified project deliverable.
- Regional data warehouse providers are having difficulty extracting information from supported districts and will miss the 7/30/08 timeline; however the project had built in delay time and is still on schedule as long as this work gets completed by 9/15/08.
- Decision on DATA Project Budget Change request.

Breakthroughs/Victories:

- Strand 1 Instructional Pre- and Post-Surveys are ready for pilot use.
- Strand 1 Instructional Professional Development is beginning implementation phase.
- Signed contract for Strand 3 from University of Arkansas.
- Data Warehouse staff almost fully staffed. Only one position left to fill and should be in place by September 1st, 2008.
- All regional Operational Data Stores (ODS) are built and ready to receive data from regional providers.

Expected Accomplishments By Next Monthly Phone Call:

- Pre- and Post-Surveys for Strand 1-Instructional finalized and posted for use on DATA Project website.

- Strand 1-Instructional presentation to Klamath County – Sept. 10.
- Schedule overview presentation for ODE Management Team.
- Dates and locations set for Strands 1, 2, and 3.
- Train-the-trainers scheduled for Strands 2 and 3.
- Data warehouse RFP posted.

NEXT CONFERENCE CALL: September 11, 2008 at 11:00 am (ET)