

**DATA Project
Progress Review
November 2008**

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November DATA Project Progress Review

1 Executive Summary

Strand 2 Instructional training was completed at 7 of the regional ESD sites across the state. One more is scheduled for the first week in December. Strand 1 Instructional training has been given by some ESD's across the state after they were certified as trainers in early October. As of the end of November the statistics for DATA Project training are:

- Strand 1 training
 - 9 districts
 - Total of 84 participants

The initial training in Strand 1 was aimed at the ESD level to create certified trainers at all ESDs who would then provide Strand 1 training to their associated districts. This is beginning to happen.

- Strand 2 training
 - 71 districts
 - Total of 277 participants

The initial training in Strand 2 was aimed at the district level with plans to create certified trainers at the ESD level in 2009. The large turnout and district representation will add to the momentum of the DATA Project.

The month of November also saw many presentations being made to multiple stakeholders throughout the state. The presentations helped spread the news about the Oregon DATA Project and created interest in the overall project. ESDs are now requesting presentation for their superintendents as the OAESD commitment to providing DATA Project training begins to occur.

The Technical Strand Roadmap received input from the field via multiple presentations over the past two months. The decision was made to focus the initial trainings at district personnel responsible for state data collections. Strand 1 training will focus upon creating an awareness/need for identification of essential duties that when met would create an improved Culture of Data Quality. Strand 2 training will focus on sharing a basic model and helping districts create their own organizational plan to meet the responsibilities of a Data Quality Steward. A pilot is planned to be ready by January 2009. Strand 3 will focus on creating web-based modules that provide training and technical support for data collections. These modules will be created in coordination with the ODE Collection Helpdesk.

Not quite as visible, groundwork has been completed in the design of Strand 3 Instructional: Using Data to improve learning in the classroom. The University of Arkansas will be creating this strand of training with a planned roll-out date of February 2009.

KIDS and the regional data warehouses are making progress. Over 50% of the state's student records have been loaded into the state's operational data store (ODS) via regional data warehouses. All historical OSAT records have been successfully loaded to the state's OSAT ODS. Validation testing on the data has begun.

2 Summary of Progress for the month of November 2008

2.1 Review of Activities and Outputs

2.1.1 Project Related Meetings

- Presentation of DATA Project overview to:
 - Data Warehouse Consortium – Nov. 5
 - NW eSIS Users Conference – Nov. 6, 7
 - OAESD Conference – Nov. 13
 - OSBA Conference – Nov. 14
 - Pentamation Conference – Nov. 17, 18
 - Multnomah ESD Superintendents – Nov. 21
- Strand 2 Instructional Trainings
 - Medford – Nov. 3, 4
 - Eugene – Nov. 5, 6

2.1.2 Project Tasks – Completed

- Strand 2 implementation

2.1.3 Project Tasks – In Progress

- Design of Strand 3 Instructional Training with Univ. Alabama
- Final design of Technical strands 1 & 2 based upon input from the field

3 Planned Activities for December 2008

3.1 Project Meetings

- SLDS written summary 12/11/08
- Strand 2 Instructional Training – Roseburg Dec. 9, 10
- DATA Project Overview – Clackamas ESD Advisory Dec. 4

3.2 Project Documentation – Review and/or Approval

- TBA

3.3 Project Tasks

- Create Pilot model for Strands 1 & 2 Technical

4 Attachments

4.1 Bi-Weekly Report 11/14/08

STATUS REPORT	Status: Green [X] Red [] Yellow []		
	Cause: Time [] Scope [] Quality []		
Date covered:	<i>November 1 - 14, 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>Made presentations to OAESD, OSBA, eSIS-users conference, data warehouse consortium meeting regarding the DATA project.</i> ❖ <i>Developed summary report showing the number of districts participating in the instructional training.</i> ❖ <i>Received feedback on Technical Training scope and roll-out.</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>Discussion with Mickey and Baron on roll-out strategy for Technical Training strands.</i> ❖ <i>Final input presentation at SOUP conference (Pentamation-users) with Gary Ellwanger/Joel Robe.</i> 			
Challenges/ Obstacles:		Challenges/ Obstacles Mitigation:	
Comments			
Next status report due November 14, 2008			

4.2 Bi-Weekly Status Report 11/28/08

STATUS REPORT	Status: Green [X] Red [] Yellow []		
	Cause: Time [] Scope [] Quality []		
Date covered:	<i>November 15 - 28, 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>Finished input presentations on the Technical Training Roadmap. (SOUP Conference in Florence, OR with Joel and Gary)</i> ❖ <i>Met with Mickey, Baron, Gary, Dennis, Michael regarding a shift from initial plan to a modified plan of technical training aimed at personnel providing state collection files.</i> ❖ <i>Refined the data reports provided to ESD Training sites</i> ❖ <i>Presented to the Multnomah ESD superintendents</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>Present to Clackamas ESD superintendents</i> ❖ <i>Identify two pilot sites for Technical Training strands (one small and one larger district)</i> 			
Challenges/ Obstacles:		Challenges/ Obstacles Mitigation:	
Comments			
Next status report due December 19, 2008 (due to holiday break move the normally due on December 12 back one week for a single report for the month)			

4.4 SLDS Monthly Status Report 11/13/08

SLDS MONTHLY STATUS NOTES

STATE: OREGON

DATE: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2008

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ACTION ITEM STATUS:

1. ODE will submit a written status report for December 2008 in lieu of conference call.

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED:

QUESTIONS:

NOTES:

**Written update submitted by Oregon Department of Education (ODE) in place of November 2008 SLDS call.*

1. Professional Development – Instructional Strand 1 – Certification Training

Updates:

Instructional Strand 1 certification training has been completed.

Challenges/Obstacles & Areas Needing Improvement:

Breakthroughs/Victories:

Certification Training was attended by 17 of the state's 20 ESD's (85%)

Expected Accomplishments by Next Monthly Update:

2. Professional Development – Instructional Strand 2

Updates:

A total of 6 training sessions were held during the month of October. As of the end of October, 61 districts were represented with a total of 217 participants.

Challenges/Obstacles & Areas Needing Improvement:

Breakthroughs/Victories:

The project has seen a significant increase in the number of districts and participants for Strand 2 as compared to Strand 1. Strand 1 had a total of 9 districts and 84 people attend the training.

Strand 2's attendance numbers are significantly higher with respect to both the number of districts attending, 60 and the number of participants, 217.

Strand 2 opened up opportunities for districts to attend training that was not simply based on location, but also convenience, broadening connections across the state for districts to learn from each other.

Expected Accomplishments by Next Monthly Update:

Strand 2 training, as currently scheduled will be completed.

3. Professional Development – Instructional Strand 3

Updates:

Strand 3 under development and incorporating critical assessment considerations from OAKS and Oregon's new High School Diploma requirements

Pre-assessment targeted for completion in December.

Challenges/Obstacles & Areas Needing Improvement:

Breakthroughs/Victories:

Expected Accomplishments by Next Monthly Update:

4. End User Training Surveys

Updates:

Project staff has revamped the way in which the training surveys are completed.

Originally a fill-able PDF structure was used. After receiving comments on that type of structure a SurveyMonkey.com (web based) model was adopted and is currently being used.

Challenges/Obstacles & Areas Needing Improvement:

This shift required changes to the way project staff collated the information.

Breakthroughs/Victories:

End users have reported a much easier time in completing the training surveys.

Expected Accomplishments by Next Monthly Update:

5. Technical Training Strands

Updates:

Plans for the Technical Training Strands were shared at multiple stakeholder meetings during the month of October and were well received.

Challenges/Obstacles & Areas Needing Improvement:

Breakthroughs/Victories:

A unique presentation entitled, “Who’s Got Whoville’s Data?” was created to capture the essence of using data to improve student learning and data quality issues.

Expected Accomplishments by Next Monthly Update:

Individual Technical Training Strands will be developed

6. Privacy, Security and Use Policy

Updates:

PSU ready for OAR Review

Challenges/Obstacles & Areas Needing Improvement:

Breakthroughs/Victories:

Expected Accomplishments by Next Monthly Update:

7. Data Warehouse Vendor (KIDS III Project)

Updates:

Versifit has been selected as the data warehouse vendor. Versifit was the vendor that completed phase II of the KIDS project. Contract negotiations are underway.

Challenges/Obstacles & Areas Needing Improvement:

Breakthroughs/Victories:

Expected Accomplishments by Next Monthly Update:

Contract signed and vendor on site.

8. Population of regional data to ODE central ODS

Updates:

All 6 regional data centers are submitting data and are working on correcting errors.

Challenges/Obstacles & Areas Needing Improvement:

Breakthroughs/Victories:

Expected Accomplishments by Next Monthly Update:

Increase in amount of data submitted and reduction of errors

9. OSAT ODS

Updates:

Design of the OSAT ODS is completed and development has started.

Challenges/Obstacles & Areas Needing Improvement:

Amount of processing time required to convert data from the legacy assessment store.
Testing vendor does not use unique test ID's and this has created an issue with data from different years being consolidated under the wrong year.

Breakthroughs/Victories:

Expected Accomplishments by Next Monthly Update:

Plan in place to correct the test ID problem.
Continued conversion of historical test data into the OSAT ODS

NEXT WRITTEN UPDATE: Thursday, December 11, 2008, 11:00 a.m. (ET)