

**DATA Project
Progress Review
October 2008**

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October DATA Project Progress Review

1 Executive Summary

October started with a major training in Vale, OR. This training was attended by representatives of ESDs across the state. Participants received “certification training” sufficient for them to return to their local ESD and start providing Strand 1 Instructional training to their districts. 17 of the state’s 20 ESDs were represented (85%).

October also saw the roll-out of Strand 2 Instructional Training. Starting on October 16, trainings were held at 5 regionally selected ESDs (two more are scheduled for the first week in November and one session in December). As of the end of October, 61 districts were represented in Strand 2 trainings with a total of 217 participants. Ten districts and a total of 83 people had completed training in Strand 1 Instructional.

It should be noted that the vehicle for gathering training information was shifted off the fill-able PDF structure and moved to a SurveyMonkey.com model. End users have reported a much easier time in completing the surveys. After training, sponsoring ESDs are receiving feedback reports which can be shared with the participating districts. ESD staff has the opportunity to use the reports for meeting with their districts to review the information and set goals.

Beginning plans for the Technical Training Strands were shared at multiple stakeholder meetings and were received well. Individual strands will be developed beginning in November. 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. The booklet will be used in the technical training strands as well as for general presentations.

Multiple presentations regarding the DATA Project and its connections with TLC, KIDS, The Growth Project, and the regional data warehouses were made across the state. Many ESDs are requesting presentation to their district superintendents to spread the word about the work of the DATA Project.

2 Summary of Progress for the month of October 2008

2.1 Review of Activities and Outputs

2.1.1 Project Related Meetings

- Strand 1 Instructional Certification Training 10/6-7
- Strand 1 Instructional Evaluation Plan to LBL Superintendents 10/1
- Strand 1 Technical Draft Plan Presentations
 - IT Directors 10/3
 - Collection Committee 10/16
- DATA Project Overview Presentations
 - Education Success Work Group (Multnomah County) 10/20
 - NWRESD Superintendents 10/24
 - NWRESD eSIS User Group Mtg 10/29
- SLDS Monthly Meeting 10/10

2.1.2 Project Tasks – Completed

- Strand 2 Instructional design tasks are completed.
- Strand 1 Instructional Certification training completed

2.1.3 Project Tasks – In Progress

- Development of Technical Strand session material

3 Planned Activities for November 2008

3.1 Project Meetings

- SLDS written summary 11/13
- DATA /KIDS Project Presentations:
 - Data Warehouse Consortium Mtg 11/5
 - NW eSIS Conference 11/6
 - OSBA 11/13-14
 - Pentamation Conference 11/17-18
 - MESD Superintendents 11/21

3.2 Project Documentation – Review and/or Approval

- TBA

3.3 Project Tasks

- Finalize Technical Strand Session activities

4 Attachments

4.1 Bi-Weekly Report 10/3/08

STATUS REPORT	Status: Green [X] Red [] Yellow []		
	Cause: Time [] Scope [] Quality []		
Date covered:	<i>September 20, - October 3, 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 on the Strand 1 Instructional Evaluation Plan to OAESD and DQWG Joint meeting. Also presented to the superintendents of LBL at their meeting in Albany. Very good reactions.</i> ❖ <i>Made presentation on the Technical Strand Professional Development Roadmap to DQWG-Technical and to the IT Directors Quarterly meeting.</i> ❖ <i>Had a conference call with the ESD Partners about the Technical Strand Roadmap. They feel it is very applicable to the districts they work with.</i> ❖ <i>We have posted the power point and the document for the Evaluation Plan on the website.</i> ❖ <i>Initial conversations with Gary Ellwanger regarding collaboration on technical training certification were held.</i> ❖ <i>Mickey and Ron were scheduled to meet with Don Wolff at OAESD regarding web recordings of trainings. There are some options and Don offered to find contacts that might be able to do the work. Ron will get together with Mickey and discuss next steps.</i> ❖ <i>Received offers from districts to be testing grounds for the Technical Strand 2 Training: one large district and one small. These would be potential videotaped sessions for sustainability training of others.</i> ❖ <i>Submitted updated overview Gantt chart of the DATA Project to NCES as requested.</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 the technical training roadmap to Collection Committee on Oct. 16.</i> ❖ <i>Prepare the next monthly SLDS conference call.</i> ❖ <i>Prepare the monthly update report (September) for posting.</i> ❖ <i>Spend some development time with the database for instructional training data.</i> ❖ <i>Further discussions to identify roll-out options of the technical training strands.</i> ❖ <i>Hope to have an outline of the major activities within Strand 2 Technical.</i> 			
Challenges/ Obstacles:		Challenges/ Obstacles Mitigation:	
Comments Next status report due October 17, 2008			

4.2 Bi-Weekly Status Report 10/17/08

STATUS REPORT	Status: Green [X] Red [] Yellow []		
	Cause: Time [] Scope [] Quality []		
Date covered:	<i>October 4, - October 17, 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 on the draft of Technical Training to the IT Directors Qrtly meeting and the Collection Committee.</i> ❖ <i>Completed a revision of Strand 1 Instructional, Strand 2 Instructional, and the Participant information surveys from fill-able PDF to Survey Monkey format.</i> ❖ <i>Created database for Strand 2 Instructional incoming data.</i> ❖ <i>Revised database for Strand 1 and Participant data to compensate for differences related to Survey Monkey.</i> ❖ <i>Communicated with end users regarding survey issues.</i> ❖ <i>Drafts of major activities for Strand 2 Technical training are embedded into the Who's Got Whoville's Data book.</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 DATA Project Eval plan to Education Success Work Group (Multnomah county commissioners) and the NWRESD superintendents.</i> ❖ <i>Create a new power point presentation that summarizes and connects Data Project, Data Warehouses, KIDS, and the growth project.</i> ❖ <i>Continue to revise and enhance database constructs.</i> 			
Challenges/ Obstacles:		Challenges/ Obstacles Mitigation:	
Comments			
Next status report due October 31, 2008			

4.3 Bi-Weekly Status Report 10/31/08

STATUS REPORT	Status: Green [X] Red [] Yellow []		
	Cause: Time [] Scope [] Quality []		
Date covered:	<i>October 18, - October 31, 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 on the DATA Project overview which connects all the projects (KIDS, Data Warehouses, Growth, TLC, and DATA) to Education Success Work Group in Multnomah County, the superintendents of NWRESD, NWRESD eSIS users group meeting at Tigard-Tualatin School District, and the Data Collection Committee.</i> ❖ <i>Received all data for Strand 2 training sessions from 5 of the 8 regional ESD presentations.</i> ❖ <i>Reports generated and share back to ESD personnel that provided Strand 2 Training.</i> ❖ <i>Visited data quality workshops that Karen Brown-Smith puts on through Umatilla-Morrow ESD.</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>Major presentations planned for data warehouse consortium, eSIS Users Conference, Pentamation user's conference.</i> ❖ <i>Draft technical training components.</i> ❖ <i>Meet with Gary Ellwanger to discuss partnership in creating certification model for technical strand 3 training.</i> 			
Challenges/ Obstacles:		Challenges/ Obstacles Mitigation:	
Comments			
Next status report due November 14, 2008			

4.4 SLDS Monthly Status Report 10/10/08

SLDS MONTHLY STATUS NOTES

STATE: OREGON

DATE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2008

FROM: ELEANOR WANG

CALL-IN # (866) 469-3239, attendee code 80224421#

NOTE: Please remember to include both Kashka Kubzdela (Kashka.Kubzdela@ed.gov) and Eleanor Wang (Eleanor.Wang@ed.gov) in your SLDS related correspondence.

ATTENDING:

ACTION ITEM STATUS:

DOCUMENTS PROVIDED DURING CALL:

QUESTIONS:

NOTES:

Updates:

- Strand 1 Instructional certification training was completed on October 6.
- Strand 2 - Received one qualified response for strand 2 training. Discussing particulars with potential vendor and in negotiation phase of contract.
- Technical Training Professional Development Roadmap has been completed along with descriptions of the three strands. The material is being shared with key stakeholder groups for input and reaction before designing final plan.
- Presentations regarding the DATA Project have been made to ESD superintendents and district superintendents within some ESD (as requested). The message is getting out.
- The full Data Quality Workgroup meeting was very effective. Key communication and updates were provided regarding the connection between the ODS at the state level, the regional data warehouses, and the professional development plans of the DATA Project.
 - Provided 09-11 data collection/validation vision to improve data quality through new toolsets processes to technical advisory committee.

- Two responses received Friday October 3rd from two qualified vendors for the data warehouse RFP. Are in the process of reviewing RFP's right now.
- XXX # of students currently being submitted through the regionals to our Operational Data Stores.
- Preliminary discussions were held with the Educational Enterprise Steering Committee representative about the evaluation of the impact the regional data warehouse. Further discussions will be held, but have not been scheduled.

Challenges/Obstacles/Opportunities & Areas Needing Improvement:

- Minimum record requirements for valid data transfer from regional data warehouse into the ODE operational data store

Breakthroughs/Victories:

- Increasing number of students populating the state operational data stores from regional data centers.

Expected Accomplishments by Next Monthly Phone Call:

- Certification training for Strand 1 Instructional will be completed.
- 8 regions will have received Strand 2 training.
- Additional population of the Operational Data Stores through regional data centers
- Vendor selected and possible contract signature for data warehouse RFP.

NEXT WRITTEN UPDATE/CONFERENCE CALL:

Thursday, November 13, 2008, 11:00 a.m. (ET)