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Oregon Department of Education

# DATA Project

Direct Access To Achievement

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## **DATA Project Progress Review September 2008**

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# September DATA Project Progress Review

## 1 Executive Summary

September saw a flurry of communication activity. Almost weekly, the DATA Project evaluation plan and feedback reports were shared with different stakeholder groups. The responses have been favorable and the collaboration between the KIDS Project, Longitudinal Growth Project, and the DATA Project are becoming more visible. Stakeholders are beginning to ask pointed questions about progress and coordination efforts between the projects. ODE and project leaders have effectively responded to the inquiries. The net impact has been improved communication and understanding by all.

Preparatory groundwork has been completed for the upcoming Instructional Strand 1 certification training scheduled for October 6-8. The Instructional Strand 2 RFP was posted and should be awarded in early October. The components of that strand have been refined and will be ready for the October 14 roll out. Communication regarding Strand 3 Instructional continues as University of Arkansas prepares for the February 2009 roll out. The format of the Strand 1 Instructional Evaluation Plan will be used for Strand 2 and 3 Instructional.

A roadmap for professional development for the Technical Strands has been developed. The three strands are being discussed with different stakeholder groups for reaction and input before final design. Initial responses to the plan have been positive and supportive.

The Data Quality Work Group joint meeting on September 30 was well attended and saw positive feedback on the direction of the projects. Progress with the regional data warehouses as well as the state's data store is becoming visible. The KIDS project RFP was finally posted. A posting has also been made for a communications position to assist with the overall communication plan for the KIDS Project.

## **2 Summary of Progress for the month of September 2008**

### **2.1 Review of Activities and Outputs**

#### **2.1.1 Project Related Meetings**

- Strand 1 Instructional Evaluation Plan to ODE personnel 9/3
- Strand 1 Instructional Presentation to Klamath County Schools 9/10
- Strand 1 Instructional Evaluation Plan to EESC 9/11
- Strand 1 Instructional Evaluation Plan to OAESD 9/26
- DQWG Joint Meeting 9/30

#### **2.1.2 Project Tasks – Completed**

- Strand 1 Instructional tasks are completed
- Evaluation Plan for Strand 1 Instructional completed
- KIDS RFP posted

#### **2.1.3 Project Tasks – In Progress**

- Development of Technical Strand professional roadmap

### **3 Planned Activities for October 2008**

#### **3.1 *Project Meetings***

- SLDS Conference call 10/10

#### **3.2 *Project Documentation – Review and/or Approval***

- Review Technical Training Strands

#### **3.3 *Project Tasks***

- Finalize Strand 2 Instructional

## 4 Attachments

### 4.1 Bi-Weekly Report 9/5/08

<b>STATUS REPORT</b>		Status: Green [ X ] Red [ ] Yellow [ ]	
		Cause: Time [ ] Scope [ ] Quality [ ]	
<b>Date covered:</b>	<i>August 23, - September 5, 2008</i>		
<b>Project Name:</b>	<i>DATA Grant</i>		
<b>Project Manager:</b>	<i>Ron Hoppes</i>	<b>Project Director:</b>	<i>Baron Rodriguez</i>
<b>Milestones-Activity Since Last Report</b> ( <i>progress/outcomes &amp; problems</i> ):			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <i>Completed all Project Tasks related to Strand 1 training and assessment. Made adjustments on Gantt chart.</i></li> <li>❖ <i>Created initial discussion generator for Technical Training Strand 1: Creating a Data Culture: One of Quality</i></li> <li>❖ <i>Created formalized presentation on DATA Project Evaluation Plan (3 planned presentations to be held in September).</i></li> </ul>			
<b>Next Period Milestones/Activities</b> ( <i>high level outline of how you will get from A-Z</i> ):			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <i>Formal Discussions regarding evaluation plan for regional data warehouses with Don Wolfe, EESC.</i></li> <li>❖ <i>Continue database construct to handle two-point in time analysis of Strand 1 data.</i></li> <li>❖ <i>Hold discussions regarding Technical training roll-out options (Karen Brown – Umatilla-Morrow ESD, Tony Alpert, et al)</i></li> </ul>			
<b>Challenges/ Obstacles:</b>		<b>Challenges/ Obstacles Mitigation:</b>	
<b>Comments</b>			
Next status report due September 19, 2008			

## 4.2 Bi-Weekly Status Report 9/19/08

<b>STATUS REPORT</b>		Status: Green [X] Red [ ] Yellow [ ]	
		Cause: Time [ ] Scope [ ] Quality [ ]	
<b>Date covered:</b>	<i>September 6, - September 19, 2008</i>		
<b>Project Name:</b>	<i>DATA Grant</i>		
<b>Project Manager:</b>	<i>Ron Hoppes</i>	<b>Project Director:</b>	<i>Baron Rodriguez</i>
<b>Milestones-Activity Since Last Report</b> ( <i>progress/outcomes &amp; problems</i> ):			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <i>Held meeting with Don Wolff following a recent EESC meeting in Salem. We discussed broad thoughts about how to evaluate the impact of regional data warehouses on districts.</i></li> <li>❖ <i>Have opted not to create a two-point in time analysis tool for the Strand 1- Instructional evaluation database. Overly complex for minimal return. Using excel spreadsheets is sufficient.</i></li> <li>❖ <i>Shared broad outline of Strands 1-3 Technical with Karen Brown UMESD.</i></li> <li>❖ <i>Have developed all three strands of Technical training sufficient to share with key groups and gather input (Technical Training Roadmap). After input, the strands can be finalized.</i></li> <li>❖ <i>Made presentations on the Evaluation Plan for DATA Project – Instructional and requests for additional presentations are being made.</i></li> <li>❖ <i>Completed monthly SLDS report to NCES.</i></li> <li>❖ <i>Forwarded updated Project Map Summary to NCES (done quarterly)</i></li> </ul>			
<b>Next Period Milestones/Activities</b> ( <i>high level outline of how you will get from A-Z</i> )::			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <i>Presentation of Evaluation Plan and the Technical Training Roadmap to OAESD Fall Summit, DQWG, IT Directors Quarterly meeting.</i></li> <li>❖ <i>Meeting with Mickey Garrison and Don Wolff to discuss web opportunities to capture DATA Project trainings for future use (part of sustainability plan).</i></li> <li>❖ <i>Gather input on technical training plan from the 3 regional ESD Partners.</i></li> </ul>			
<b>Challenges/ Obstacles:</b>		<b>Challenges/ Obstacles Mitigation:</b>	
<b>Comments</b>			
Next status report due October 3, 2008			

### 4.3 SLDS Monthly Status Report 9/19/08

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#### SLDS MONTHLY STATUS NOTES

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**STATE:** OREGON

**DATE:** FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2008

**FROM:** RON HOPPES

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

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**ATTENDING:** Ron Hoppes (ODE), Baron Rodriguez (ODE), Megan Monson (ODE), Mickey Garrison (ODE), Kashka Kubzdela (NCES), Eleanor Wang (KGS)

**ACTION ITEM STATUS:**

1. ODE will send NCES a copy of its Strand 1 Evaluation Plan and PowerPoint to add to the LDS Share repository, and send a copy of its Quarterly Update of the project plan.

**QUESTIONS:** N/A

**NOTES**

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

**Updates:**

- Strand 1 Instructional tasks are 100% complete. The session and its evaluation tools are complete and ready for use. All related materials are available on the DATA Project website (<http://data.k12partners.org/>). ODE has scheduled upcoming Strand 1 training sessions.
  - The SLDS Project will provide student achievement growth measures across-years comparisons (data will be normalized). There are a few difficulties with comparing data that do not match (e.g., different demographic information).
- Presentations are being made to various stakeholders regarding the Project Evaluation Plan. Initial responses are extremely positive.
- Flyers posted on the Oregon DATA Project website indicate training dates, locations, and contact personnel for Strands 1, 2, and 3 training. The flyers include assessment tools for Strand 1, such as pre- and post-assessment surveys. A coordinated calendar shows DATA Project trainings as well as other trainings hosted by other

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organizations (Oregon School Board Association, ESSC, etc.) Training information from other states is also posted online. Both the KIDS and Data Project websites now include Data Access & Use Policy and Information Security Policy documents.

- Strand 2 Instructional RFP was posted on 9/5/2008
- A joint presentation of KIDS and DATA Project is being planned for a major student information system conference on November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The Data Warehouse RFP has been approved by the Department of Justice and was posted on September 3, 2008. ODE expects to receive vendor applications by the end of September, and the Data Warehouse built by June 2009.
- ODE is working to shift costs from the vendors to internal staff.
- Budget changes have been approved by NCES.
- The technology department has had much success in transferring information into the data system.
- Dennis Boston will return as a Project Manager for the SLDS project.

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**Challenges/Obstacles/Opportunities & Areas Needing Improvement:**

- Regional data warehouse activity is slow but has begun. There have been minor delays in obtaining data and continued focused support is required to assist with the ETL process. ODE will continue site visits to Oregon's regional centers through September to ensure data transfer to the state warehouse. ODE visited 4 out of the 6 sites in August.

**Breakthroughs/Victories:**

- Strand 1 Instructional is 100% done and ready for implementation.
- The Data Warehouse RFP has been posted.
- Strand 2 Instructional RFP is in progress and will be posted around the first week of October.

**Expected Accomplishments By Next Monthly Phone Call:**

- Certification training for Strand 1 Instructional will be completed.
- RFP for Strand 2 Instructional will be posted.
- Technical Training Professional Development Road Map for Strands 1-3 will be created.
- Discussions will be held to draft an evaluation of the regional data warehouse project.
- ODE will hold a full Data Quality Workgroup (DQWG) meeting on September 30, 2008. The meeting will address the scope of the KIDS, Governance, and DATA Projects, including discussions on Privacy, Security, Use Policies, and Strategic Planning for the data warehouse design. ODE will give a presentation to the 2009 Oregon State Legislature.
- RFP's for KIDS Data Warehouse vendor due.

**NEXT CONFERENCE CALL: October 9, 2008 at 11:00 am (ET)**

**4.4 DQWG Joint Meeting 9/30/08**