ODE conference call – Friday, June 30, 2017

FY17A Assessment collections – this has been ODE's focus lately. Last week they got a missing list out for OELPA, based on the SSID's in the vendor file only (still looking at enrollment data to see who needs assessment records, and will eventually be rolling that out to missing lists as well). For how to deal with kids who are showing as Missing *because their SSID was on vendor file but should not have been*, ODE mentioned on the last change call about the recent FY17 change to allow 'H" as a Score Not Reported reason to clear the missing record for that situation. If a student has changed SSID's and the original SSID is showing as Missing, verify that a valid FA record is reported for them with their correct SSID in the FA file, in which case you can ignore the Missing or put in a ticket for ODE to remove it. ODE has changed a lot of things with how missing reports work, so if there are issues/problems, let them know. That programming code for OELPA Missing is almost identical to what they'll use for all other missing assessment lists. They're now working on creating missing lists for DORP collection, EOC, Next Gen 3-8, ALT, and OGT (this one is a lower priority since it is not on LRC). They expect these missing lists to continue to roll out, with a small possibility that 1 or 2 will be added today, but definitely by middle of next week.

It was mentioned on earlier calls that ODE is figuring out ACT state administration. If a district doesn't subscribe to receive a monthly CD, those districts who chose ACT for State won't get a CD until Aug 1. ODE is adding an additional ACT Assessment window opening Aug 1-31 for ACT only. This is being added to the EMIS processing schedule draft and will be posted next week. They checked with SAT, and those electronic files will be received in time to report in NACC collection – so will need to be reported by July 28 close date. August window is just for ACT. There will be NO appeal period because any ACT results missed in the August window can be reported in the upcoming 17G Graduate collection or FY18 Non-Statewide Accountability (NACC) collection next year.

Q: Can the new SNR codes for ACT also be reported in the August collection?

A: Yes, it'll have exactly the same rules as the FY17NACC collection.

Q: Will everyone have to submit the August ACT collection if they got all their results reported in the current FY17NACC collection?

A: Good question. Because ODE won't get a list from ACT in time, there will be no missing list in the FY17NACC collection, only in the August collection. Districts can go ahead and run that August collection to check out the Missing list and make sure they reported everything to see if they need to submit.

FY17L2FNL Final Staff/Course and FY17S Final Student Enrollment collections – ODE sent emails yesterday to ITC's that have districts with issues, because about 80 entities have still not submitted FY17L2FNL or FY17S3TRD. All Community Schools have submitted FY17SBODE since their funding relies on it. Make sure everyone submits 3TRD at least once (except an ESC with no Preschoolers won't need to submit). There's still a fair number that need to submit L2FNL to report staff attendance which is required for LRC, and is especially critical for CTE funding. Also, check to see who has not submitted any

student data for a couple months to be sure their final data is complete/accurate. There are just two weeks left for Final Staff/Course. ODE has updated CTE reports this week (FY17L2FNL level 2 reports) so they reflect funding for July payment for Districts, CS and JVS. They'll update CTE reports one more time next week before the staff collection closes July 14. (Reminder: DORP and OELPA also close on July 14).

CTE reports have been coming out since last fall, so there's been ample opportunity to verify all courses are correct. It comes down to course enrollment, if that is right and students are right in "S", double check that the right students are in the right courses. There will be an appeal window but hopefully the number of appeals will be lower this year.

ODE will be open on Monday, July 3 but with minimal staff. Helpdesk will be monitored, but Mon/Tue will be light so they may not process both those nights. Regular processing will take place this weekend.

Q&A

Q: For a Junior that only needs one EOC exam reported, how do we graduate that student?

A: It isn't going to make a difference whether the diploma date is when the student took the test or when the test scores came back, just make sure the diploma date is before the first day of the next school year. Doesn't matter that this student is a junior, they are still part of the 2018 grad cohort and not the 2017 grad cohort, so they won't appear in the grad rate until the 2018 grad rate has been calculated.

Q: Apparently there was a Principal's meeting where it was discussed that due to HB410 districts have to track the number of minutes students were tardy. Are tardy times being considered for chronic absenteeism? So, if a kid is 15 minutes late every day one week, is that 1 ¼ hours counted towards chronic absence?

A: ODE is working on guidance, and fully aware there are lots of questions. Even if ODE comes out with guidance next week, most questions are driven by local Board policy, so lots of districts have been talking with their legal counsel and will be ready for the first day of school. If a district has not reviewed their Board policy, they won't be ready. It is in Board policy what counts as an absence, and ODE is not adding a category for tardiness. There will be no EMIS changes since they already collect to a 100th of an hour. The question is, does their Board policy align with HB 410? That is the real question. Board policy needs to define Absences and what they'll track. Example, some districts say if a student is 20 minutes late in the morning, they are counted absent all day, and yet another district says even if they only attend 20 minutes they count as attended all day. More guidance for districts to examine policy that everything is done in hours, not days, so districts need to accurately reflect that in their data.

Q: With that new ACT collection in August, will there be time for scores to appear on the LRC?

A: 11th graders ACT scores don't appear in LRC anyway. That's why we can have the August window. There may be a chance they'll appear in the future, due to ESSA, but not sure. IF it is anywhere, it'll be in a download file because ACT that is on LRC now is the *average ACT score for the graduating class*, not for 11th graders.

Q: When can be expect the fix in the Data Collector for "S" collection for SSID issues?

A: We expect by next week at the latest.

Q: If we have a difference between Board policy and HB410, our Board policy is not to withdraw even if we know where they are (such as the student is working, has completed GED, or moved to another state) if no request for records is received or they don't sign a WD form. ODE says if a student never started, we can do a summer WD, so if the guidance from ODE doesn't match, what do we do?

A: Change your policy. If you know the kid has moved out of state and the situation meets what is in the EMIS manual section 2.1.1, they should be WD. So if a kid is working and refuses to come to school, you should pursue truancy. You can have a policy to not WD if they don't sign a WD form, but in the end, you are reporting no attendance so you won't get funded for them. Their absences will count in your attendance rate, but that's about it if they are not enrolled in courses for EOC, other than appearing in your Grad Rate (whether or not you WD them). If it is your policy to keep them on the books and they are not enrolled anywhere else, you must report them as absent the whole year.

Next ODE Change call – Wednesday July 12

Next ODE Vendor call – Thursday July 13

Next ODE Conference call – Monday July 17