

**Final Correction Opportunities** – The Final Correction Opportunity has been opened for a number of collections.

- FY26 Final Correction Opportunity for Retention Data Open - open from 9/2/25-9/3/25
  - Please be aware the Retention window is extremely short - this data is included in the current year report card.
- FY25 Final Correction Opportunity for Funding - open from 8/25/25-9/5/25
  - The Funding correction would be for cases where other districts' data impacted the applying LEA's funding.
- FY25 Final Correction Opportunity for Financial Data Open - open from 9/2/25-9/19/25
  - The Financial Data pertains to information reported surrounding expenditure data.
- FY25 Finance Review and Verification Open - open from 9/2/25-10/10/25
- FY26 Final Correction Opportunity for CTE Program of Concentration - opens 9/9/25
  - Sometimes data is cross-year data or cross district data as to whether or not a student is a concentrator. Last year's concentrator determinations will impact the district until the student exits K-12 education.
- Completion Status for FY25 Report Card Data Review - due by 9/5/25

**Student Cross Reference (SCR) and Student Contact Collection** – Thank you to everyone who has been communicating the importance of submitting this data. We are currently around 1000 entities who have submitted the SCR. Hopefully, districts are finding the earlier submission better for everyone and helping clean up rosters by finding students who have gone to other schools. There are still about 100 entities who have not yet submitted the SCR collection - please encourage them to do so ASAP.

The Student Contact Collection will impact the DPIA and CNDC match rates. This can often move a student from a potential match to a definite match and eliminate the need for a manual review. About 600 out of 1100 entities have submitted the contact collection. This is an improvement over last year.

About 350 entities have submitted the SCR Collection, but not Contacts, so they are not getting the full benefit.

In comparison to where things were 5 years ago, funding for districts is pulled earlier than it used to be. We will definitely be pulling data for the October payment for community schools and JVSDs by the end of this month, possibly earlier. For traditional districts, the data will be pulled for the October #2 payment, possibly even for the October #1 payment. It's important for districts to get their main student collections submitted.

ODEW started to process FTEs last week, so there is data in the FTE detail report. The DPIA FTE will be added as soon as it can be put together. More to come on this at the OEDSA conference.

**Q:** Should we also be encouraging JVSDs and ESCs to submit the SCR early?

**A:** Absolutely for JVSDs because the direct certification matches also apply to JVSDs. If the home district submits a student through SCR and that student is identified as a directly certified student, as long as the JVSD is reporting properly with the same SSID, the eligibility will carry over to the JVSD as of the date they were eligible in the original LEA. So, the JVSDs

do benefit from their home districts submitting, especially surrounding satellite students, since they often don't know who they are yet. In addition, all the students who the JVSD know about, including those who are full time at the JVSD and participating in food service programs, there is a definite benefit to getting them submitted early - these are also the students who will generate the most FTE for a JVSD.

For ESCs, it's a little bit different since they only submit preschool students. If I remember correctly, the DPIA funding does not apply to preschool students, so it's not quite as critical for ESCs. However, it does help the home district and ESC to make sure their data is coordinated; they are reporting the same SSID for those students. But still encourage the ESCs to submit, it just doesn't have the same funding impact.

**Q:** We had a lot of pushback from one of our districts who did not want to submit the SCR and didn't submit until the week after school was in session. Will you please reiterate why this is important so it can be included in these notes to share out again?

**A:** It'll be interesting to see the first calculation of the CNDC FTE and DPIA FTE, which we are hoping will be complete within the next 3-5 weeks. When we put that out, there's a really good chance districts who did not submit until after school started, will see there are students that were eligible, but only eligible for part of the school year so they missed out those days at the very beginning of the school year being included in the FTE. These students may only show as .99, .98, .97, etc. instead of the 1.00 FTE for that funding measure. For this year, it won't be the end of the world - it's 3% of 25% of the FTE (so maybe about a 1% difference in what their FTE would be for the year). However, I expect over time, the part of the FTE that is taken from the CNDC counts will increase. We know it will go from 25% to 35% next year, and I will be surprised if it doesn't continue to go up from there.

**Q:** We, too, had districts not want to submit SCR and some are refusing to process the Contact Collection because they think it's still only for community schools.

**A:** Contact submission is *not* only for community schools, and I believe we clarified this in the EMIS Manual.

**Q:** Contact data - district is indicating they submit separately instead of going through the DC. Is that still true or is that old information?

**A:** That is still true - districts can still manually upload contact information directly into the CNDC application. It's the same end result; the nightly routine will include this data in the match routines.

**Q:** Are any other entities loading contact data for districts, outside of submitting the collection in the DC or uploading directly to CNDC?

**A:** Not that we know of - please make sure they are not confusing this with the summer EBT.

**Q:** Is contact collection data important for CNDC matches if the district is a CEP district?

**A:** It is for CNDC matches regardless of being a CEP district. Being a CEP district has nothing to do with funding. Even if you're a CEP district, to get maximum DPIA funding, you need to have a direct certification match in the current year.

**Five Year Forecast - now known as Budget and Three Year Forecast** - USAS has made some updates to assist districts in preparing that data. This used to be due at the end of November, but it is now due mid-October this year and will be due even earlier next year. The file layout used in years past (fixed length) will continue to work for this year. The extra year that has been there from prior years will just be ignored.

**FY26 Initial Staff and Course Collection** - opens Thursday, September 4, 2025.

### **Q&A**

**Q:** Why the comparison of End of FY25 S to current in the Data collector?

**A:** This is something new we are doing this year. Whenever we have windows that cross years, we are comparing the numbers from the last submission to the first submission this year. That serves as a reminder of the record types that are normally included in the first submission. As ODEW is reviewing the error information, they are seeing a lot of districts that are not including things like discipline, program codes, and special education events. These can have an impact on funding as well as some of the reports generated. Really, the record count comparison is just a reminder of how far we have to go. Once the second submission is completed, these will be compared to the first submission.

**Q:** Any update on the ECE issues - error fs01012? It is the "how received E reserved for ECE grantee".

**A:** We have a ticket or two on it - we are looking into it.

**Q:** With some of the budget bill changes effective September 30, and then we have to wait for the EMIS changes to go through, is there any update so districts don't have to make changes mid-year to how they take attendance? Districts are hearing things from other places, like the Ohio School Board, and are being told they need to make changes.

**A:** There are like 100 different changes for school districts or for the Department in the budget bill, so I can't really say anything about them in general. At least on the EMIS side, we are trying to tackle them both in the order of ease and the order of impact on districts. I feel pretty good about where we're at, but of course, there is always more to do. For some of the changes, there are processes the Department has to work through and decisions that must be made before we can even begin to apply them to EMIS. We will share as much as we can as soon as we can and will try to have updates to share at OEDSA. Unfortunately, this is the "grey zone" of those changes - taking them from budget language to implementation.

What's best on specific changes – typically, there is an office at the Department that works with that. Reaching out directly to those offices may get you the latest information that's available. Sometimes they know things before we do.

**Q:** Question about the layout of the DN file for the (H) Financial Collection. We noticed the manifest will now accept a file with a decimal point.

**A:** If you're submitting with a fixed length file, you will not use a decimal (nothing is different). The .csv file can be submitted either way - you don't have to do anything different, but you have the option of using a decimal; a decimal place will be accepted if submitting as a .csv. The rules around this are included in the Manual.

**Q:** Question about FY26 changes regarding absence tracking and intervention, planned tracking and reporting. Districts are seeing information on DEW's website on attendance FAQs. Should they be

following this guidance that was updated just last week, or do they need to wait for official EMIS Guidance?

**A:** I'm not familiar with what's been posted in the FAQ, so I say how that does or doesn't impact EMIS guidance. We have a meeting soon and expect to get some clarity at that time.

**Upcoming Call Schedule**

Monday, September 15 – ODEW ITC Call

EMIS Change Call for September has been **cancelled**

***Manual guidance prevails if there is a conflict between the information shared on this call and the EMIS Manual.***