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September 2016 State 21c Updates

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) As a result of the completed reauthorization of the federal education law that guides 21c and is now the law of the land, a legal and programmatic feedback opportunity to review the 21c program components will occur via a web meeting and an associated survey. ESSA contains information that 21c leaders and others with an interest should definitely be familiar. This process will highlight important information. Look for the web-meeting invite in your email: October 20th 10.30-11.30.

Serving all students, including those with Disabilities

More and more questions and individual cases in this area are on the rise. If you would like to be part of work group to assist in addressing need, clarifying language, and finding solutions for this important issue let Emanuel know. Areas to focus on: finding and sharing resources, understanding 'inclusive programming', making 'reasonable modifications', understanding 'legal responsibilities'. The intent is that the result of this group's work would be shared with all to 'raise all ships' and our common knowledge base. In addition, the USDOE 21c office has been working in this area and will be releasing guidance in this area soon.

Director Advisory Group

If you would like to participate in the Director's advisory group, contact Emanuel. Meetings generally are web-based for an hour or so and occur on as needed basis to respond to specific needs. Last year there were three virtual meetings and members provided feedback on topics such as: "gaps in the 21c system", the Filemaker database upgrade, statewide evaluation and grades 5-12 student survey, 21c grantee manual, giving feedback to Emanuel on specific questions.

Reminder-Federal Reporting: Spring Term (for school year reporting) for 2015-16 opened in August for entry and the drop dead deadline is November 11th. Note that the federal web site address has changed and should be bookmarked; [Federal Reporting Log-in](#)

Update-New State 21c Website: A new AOE website that includes 21c was deployed on: 9/6/16 [VT Federal Programs/After School Programs](#) any 21c updates will be archived here. The new Grantee manual is posted there. If you have not read this yet, please do so to understand your responsibilities.

Update- Filemaker Database Update: This summer an analysis of database products that serve 21c was reviewed. While there are some excellent products with a variety of features and full system-wide web based accessibility, the five year cost is estimated to be around \$500,000 versus upgrading the current system, which is estimated to be a minute fraction of that cost. The decision is to 'keep it simple,' at this time, especially in light of changes that may come as a result of ESSA in coming years. A contract bid is posted and the goal is to have revised database deployed in 2017, which will at a minimum align to Federal reporting requirements. In addition, a V. 15 volume license will be purchased, replacing V. 12.