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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the MLDS Governing Board

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SUBJECT: Special Considerations for MLDS Data Collection Calendars for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 Academic Years

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide information to the Governing Board on potential impacts to the MLDS Data Collection Calendars for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 academic years due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Background

The Data Collection Calendars are revised annually in consultation with the Data Governance Advisory Board (Data GAB) and then approved by the Governing Board. The Governing Board approved the 2019-2020 MLDS Data Collection Calendars on June 14, 2019 and the MLDS is requesting approval for the 2020-2021 academic year on June 13, 2020.

Possible Implications

As a result of the extraordinary circumstances from the COVID-19 pandemic, the MLDS recognizes that partner agency data collections may be delayed, altered, partially collected, or not collected at all during the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 academic years. As partner agencies learn of factors that will change the data collection calendar schedules, they should communicate those changes to the MLDS Center along with an explanation of the implications of the changes. These implications include possible misalignment with assessments, modified administrations of assessments and collections, different modalities/platforms for students, data gaps, and more. The MLDS will work with agencies as issues arise and notify the Governing Board if needed.

Action

We request the Governing Board recognize the MLDS Data Collection Calendars for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 academic years may drastically change, requiring an extension of deadlines or no collection altogether.