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MEMORANDUM

TO: MLDS Governing Board
FROM: Molly B. Abend, Data Management Coordinator
DATE: December 1, 2023
SUBJECT: MLDS 2023 Data Inventory

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide information to the Governing Board on the proposed changes to the MLDS Data Inventory for Governing Board approval at the December Board Meeting.

Data Inventory

The MLDS Governing Board is required to create an inventory of individual student and workforce data proposed to be maintained in the system (Ed. Art. §24-704(g)(6) Md. Annotated Code). Additionally, the data inventory serves to inform the public about the contents of the MLDS.

Summary of Proposed Additions

A. Postsecondary Data from MHEC

During the 2023 legislative session, the General Assembly passed [SB 127 - Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center - Student FAFSA Data - Reporting Requirement](#) that assigned a new reporting requirement to the MLDS Center. The report requires the MLDS Center to report on the number of high school students who completed and submitted the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) in the immediately preceding year, the number of students who did not complete the FAFSA in the immediately preceding year, and the number of students who completed the FAFSA by the deadline for eligibility for State financial aid. To support this reporting requirement, the MLDS Center needs to receive data from MHEC extracted from the Maryland College Aid Processing System (MDCAPS). Data elements were approved in September 2023. The MLDS Center was informed of additional elements for the data collection. The data elements proposed for addition are below.

1. Middle Name
2. Diploma Type
3. Driver's License Number
4. Driver's License State
5. County
6. Citizenship
7. Gender
8. Race
9. Ethnicity

B. Literacy, Adult, and Community Education System (LACES) Data from Labor

The Maryland Department of Labor and its providers use LACES to collect and report performance data on participants of literacy programs, Adult Basic Education, and Correctional

Education. One recent addition to the LACES data collection is, “Final Grade”. This data element, when available, indicates the final grade a student received in a class.

1. Final Grade

Summary of Proposed Temporary Additions

A. TU-BCPS Model United Nations Program

Researchers from the Towson University have proposed to add temporary external data to the MLDS to evaluate the longitudinal outcomes of TU-Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS) Model United Nations high school participants. This data will be brought into the system, matched, and removed from the system when they have completed their research. The data elements proposed for temporary addition are below.

1. First Name
2. Last Name
3. High School
4. LEA
5. Year of Participation

Action

We request the Governing Board approve the additions and temporary additions to the MLDS Data Inventory – December 2023.