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MEMORANDUM

TO: MLDS Governing Board

FROM: Molly B. Abend, Data Management Coordinator

DATE: September 9, 2024

SUBJECT: MLDS 2024 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 September 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. Attendance Data from MSDE

The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) collects enrollments and attendance data as part of their September 30th Attendance collection. The following two data elements were previously approved and collected as part of the standalone Census collection, but now must be approved for inclusion in the September Attendance collection. The data elements for inclusion in the Data Inventory are below.

1. Geolocation ID
2. Maryland Neighborhood Tier (MNT)

B. Postsecondary Data from MHEC

The Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) has added a new element to their established student-level data collections: Degree Information System (DIS), Enrollment Information System (EIS), End of Term System (EOTS), External Credit System (ECS), Financial Aid Information System (FAIS), Maryland Approved Program Completer System (MAPCS), Student Course Registration System (SCRS), Workforce Training Completers System (WTCS), and Workforce Training Registration System (WTRS). The data element, Institution-Assigned Student Identifier, replaces Local Campus Student ID. For 2024-2025 the new element is optional, but will be required in 2025-2026.

1. Institution-Assigned Student Identifier

MHEC is also adding a data element to the Degree Information System (DIS) collection. The data element, Advanced Standing, indicates a student has advanced standing through coursework or received a degree prior to graduating from high school. For 2024-2025 the new element is optional, but will be required in 2025-2026.

1. Advanced Standing

C. Criminal Records Data from the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services
The Division of Correction (DoC) within the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) collects data on inmates who have been sentenced to a term of 18 months or longer. The data elements proposed for inclusion are limited to identity of the inmate (for data matching purposes), the inmate's release date, and reason for release.

1. State Identification Number	6. Generational Suffix
2. Control Number	7. Social Security Number
3. First Name	8. Date of Birth
4. Middle Name	9. Release Date
5. Last Name	10. Release Reason

Summary of Proposed Temporary Additions
A. An Evaluation of Intensive High School Mentorship for Youth at Risk of Dropping Out
Researchers from the University of Notre Dame have requested the inclusion of temporary external data to the MLDS. The data will facilitate their evaluation of Thread of Baltimore, Maryland's high school mentorship program, an intervention designed to assist underperforming students at risk of dropping out of school. At the last meeting, the Governing Board approved this project. The data elements proposed for temporary addition are below.

1. First Name	12. Interview
2. Last Name	13. Rankf
3. Student ID	14. Rankm
4. Date of Birth	15. Selected
5. Gender	16. Recruit Through
6. School	17. Contacted
7. Year	18. Unable to be Contacted
8. Enrolled	19. Rank
9. Ineligible	20. Block
10. Lowest Quartile (GPA)	21. Block ID
11. Cutoff (On Recruitment List)	22. Sample

Action
We request the Governing Board approve the additions and temporary additions to the MLDS Data Inventory – September 2024.