

Agency of Education

**Shared School District Data
Management System**

SSDDMS Project Roll forward

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Historical Summary

- Legislature has sought more consistent and comparable school finance data.
- As part of the 2018 budget bill the Agency of Education (AOE) was required to implement:
 - Uniform Chart of Accounts (UCOA) and
 - Shared School District Data Management System (SSDDMS) to process and manage finance and HR information using the UCOA format established.

Current Deployment Schedule

Round/Group	SU/SD Count	Databases	Phase 1: Baseline Live	Phase 2
Round 1/Group 1A	3	9	January 2019	December 2020
Round 2	1	8	January 2019	December 2020
Round 4/Group 4A	3	3	July 2019	December 2020
Round 4/Group 4B	4	12	July 2019	December 2020
Round 4/Group 4C	3	5	January 2020	December 2020
Round 5	5	5	July 2020	December 2020
Round 6/Group 6A & 6B	16	60	July 2021	December 2021
Round 7	8	12	January 2022	July 2022
Round 8/Group 8A & 8B	11	31	July 2022	December 2022
TOTALS	54	145		

Prior Period as Reported

1. 11 SUs/SDs went live on Phase-1 in 2019
2. Established Governance and Change Advisory Board made up of Business Managers and HR Professionals live on the system.
3. Adjusted schedule to reflect 2-year extension
4. Added \$1.2M for additional remote, onsite and conversion support
5. Published Handbook-II and updated Best Practice Guide with references to Uniform Chart of Accounts
6. Joined SNUG, the software user group
7. Active member on National Advisory Council
8. Engaged a vendor to support Handbook-II completion

Current Period Accomplishments

1. 8 more SUs/SDs went live in Phase -1 in 2020.
2. Initiated Round 6 Phase – 1 for 16 SUs/SDs
3. Held our first VT user group trainings
4. Provided Handbook II training
5. VT Support calls go to Tier 2 support
6. Started Beta testing v20.11 enhancements
 - i. Due to Due From
 - ii. Student activity module

Current Period Accomplishments

7. PowerSchool added project roles:
 - i. Program Manager
 - ii. Project Specialist
8. AOE added project roles:
 - i. Hired School Finance System Support Specialist
 - ii. Added a Data Specialist to the team

Current Period Accomplishments

9. With 19 SUs/SDs live on eFIN+, AOE CFO surveyed several key stakeholders, (Business Managers using eFIN+ and their External Audit firms) seeking their input on project. We also spoke to users in NH and OH.
 - i. Based on survey results and COVID challenges, CFO recommended a project pause.
10. One Audit Firm summarized their observations which CFO received permission to share with PowerSchool.
 - i. Stakeholder Focus Group was established to evaluate observations and produce recommended corrective action
11. A Project Oversight Review conducted by the Agency of Digital Services (ADS) validated survey results.
 - i. Oversight Report Findings were shared with PowerSchool and they have committed to getting the Project back on track.

Enterprise Project Management Office Project Oversight Report Findings

PowerSchool has committed to work with Project Team and SU's/SD's to resolve the Project Oversight Findings by 6/30/21 as follows:

1. System Outages – Data Center Infrastructure Improvements and New System Landing Page
2. Bank Reconciliation enhancements completed
3. Reporting enhancements:
 - i. Top 10 Reports in COGNOS
 - ii. Prioritize Reports to be in System
4. System enhancements:
 - i. Due To / Due From in annual update v20.11
 - ii. Refer to Development Roadmap
5. White Glove Training to be tailored to meet needs of all users

Development Roadmap

V19.11

V20.11

V21.11

- Central Management of UCOA & Bus Rules
- Improved Printing
- Add/Sort AP by Vendor Name
- Generate Teacher Contracts
- SchoolSpring Interface enhancement
- Interfund accounting
- Display budget unit / account titles on distribution screens when approving requisition / PO's
- Track next check number for each bank account and print on checks
- Student Activities
- Bank Recon, (June '21)
- Void AP check enhancement
- Step up Employee Records
- Payroll Position Budgeting interface with Payroll Module

Project Pause without Legislative Action

1. Leave legislative deadline of 6/30/22 intact
2. V20.11 completely tested and adopted
3. PowerSchool addresses Project Audit Findings while project implementation work continues
4. No change to Round 6A go live of 6/30/21
5. Remaining Rounds Implementation duration shortened:
 - i. Round 6B joins Round 7 – (4/1/21 thru 12/31/21)
 - ii. Round 8 – (7/1/21 thru 3/31/22)
 - iii. Round 9 – (10/1/21 thru 6/30/22)

Project Pause with Legislative Action

1. Legislative deadline extended 6 months to 12/31/22
2. Annual system update V20.11 completely tested and adopted
3. PowerSchool uses next 6 months to focus on Project Oversight Findings
4. No change to Round 6A go live of 6/30/21
5. Remaining Rounds benefit from 6-month schedule relief:
 - i. Round 6B joins Round 7 – (10/1/21 thru 6/30/22)
 - ii. Round 8 – (1/1/22 thru 9/30/22)
 - iii. Round 9 – (4/1/22 thru 12/31/22)
6. Expand Team resources
 - i. Assign a Business Analyst from ADS to support the project
 - ii. Retain consultant with VT School District experience

Commitment

The Project Team is:

1. Committed to adhere to the deadline set in statute
2. Committed to work with / manage PowerSchool and the Product
3. Committed to listening to our customers

Questions

