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SUBJECT: Fall 2007 Single Record Student Database (SRSD) Collection Changes

The fall 2007 SRSD collection has some significant changes of which we would like you to be aware.

The **special education** fields have undergone substantial changes, including the addition of several new fields to comply with Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) legislation. To accommodate these changes with the least disruption to your local student information system, we have added 12 fields to the end of the SRSD flat-file format. Because of incomplete discipline data being reported in the SRSD for school years 2004-2005 and 2005-2006, MDE and CEPI will continue to closely inspect the data submitted by your district in these new and revised fields. The failure of your district to report accurate and complete suspension and expulsion data on students with disabilities in the SRSD may lead to withholding up to 5 percent of state school aid until the matter is resolved per Public Act (PA) 155 of 2005, section 19 (7).
The following changes have been implemented to improve overall data quality and prepare for a smooth transition to a cohort-based graduation rate:

**Ungraded alternative education** is no longer an option for student grade or setting. Each student should be reported with the appropriate grade level. Alternative education students will be identified through the data reported in Field 125: Program Eligibility/Participation II.

**Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Program Eligibility/Participation I** in Field 29 will be used for calculating funding beginning with the 2007-2008 school year. Funding will be determined based on an unduplicated count of students across fall, spring and end-of-year SRSD submissions *minus* any students who were reported as eligible but were not assessed using the English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA) or the ELPA screener. MDE and CEPI will closely inspect the data reported by your district in SRSD as well as the students assessed by your district. Please note that there will not be an alternate mechanism to submit this information. The Unique Identification Code (UIC) will be critical for matching student data across the assessment system and SRSD.

**Field 31: Supplemental Nutrition** contains data critical to numerous programs, including Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), E-Rate, and Perkins Core Performance Indicators, in addition to the School Lunch Program itself. We have added error checks to alert you when students who are known to be automatically eligible (homeless and/or migrant students) have not been entered as eligible for free lunches. Please pay special attention to the data entered in this field as funding allocations are determined by this indicator in several program areas, in addition to being a subgroup identifier.

Please ensure that your program leads and SRSD authorized users are aware of these changes.

cc: SRSD authorized users
    PSA authorizers