

2017-18



## MICHIGAN SCHOOL INDEX SYSTEM PREVIEW

### RESOURCE TOOLKIT

- **Michigan School Index System Preview – Now Available!**

Embargoed 2017-18 accountability reports and student datafiles for the updated Michigan School Index System are available now for review to authorized users of MI School Data at: [www.mischooldata.org](http://www.mischooldata.org). Access to accountability student datafiles and the ability to submit accountability issues regarding your accountability data is being provided in MI School Data through a new "Accountability User" role. The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is providing schools and districts a 2 week-long courtesy preview of the updated School Index reports and datafiles to allow them to become more familiar with this information before its public release later this month.

- **Embargoed and Protected Data**

Please be advised that all 2017-18 School Index report information and accountability student data are to remain embargoed until the MDE publicly releases this information. Districts that do not respect the embargo may lose preview privileges in the future.

- **Accountability Issues**

During the preview window, issues or concerns regarding accountability data can be securely communicated and submitted by authorized users through the new Accountability Issues portion of MI School Data. Accountability Issues may be submitted for review until **Friday, February 22, 2019 at 5PM**.

Please be aware that only issues relating to how data are aggregated will be able to be considered at this point in the data cycle. Issues relating to the data quality of source data for the various Index System components will not be considered during the Index System preview window. This is because each data component included in the Index System has had its own submission/review window, in its respective source data system, and any issues with those data needed to be addressed during those windows. All source data are considered accurate and final at the time of the Index System preview window and no further requests to change to these data will be considered.

- **Informational Materials and Links**

Please review the following materials designed to help describe the new Michigan School Index System and how to access and understand the new reports and datafiles.

Resource Topic	Resource Name	Resource Description
<b>System Description</b>	<a href="#">Michigan School Index System Policy Brief</a>	One-page overview of the new School Index system used to identify schools for supports.

	<a href="#">Michigan School Index Overview Presentation</a>	Set of slides that provide an overview of the index system.
	<a href="#">Michigan School Index System Comprehensive Guide</a>	Provides in-depth information on all index system components, including details on how calculations are performed.
	<a href="#">Michigan School Index System Technical Business Rules</a>	Technical resource manual providing highly detailed instructions on how Michigan School Index System values were computed.
	<a href="#">Michigan School Index System Targets by Component Area</a>	Provides a spreadsheet of statewide performance targets by area for each component of the Michigan School Index System.
<b>School Identification for Support and Improvement</b>	<a href="#">Comprehensive Support and Improvement Policy Brief</a>	Overview of the "Comprehensive Support and Improvement" support category.
	<a href="#">Targeted Support and Improvement Policy Brief</a>	Overview of the "Targeted Support and Improvement" support category.
	<a href="#">Additional Targeted Support Policy Brief</a>	Overview of the "Additional Targeted Support" support category.
	<a href="#">School Identification Flowchart</a>	Flowchart of how schools are identified for support based on school index results.
<b>Communicating Index Results</b>	<a href="#">Public Guide to Michigan's Accountability System</a>	Provides a public-oriented guide to the School Index system and school identification for support and improvement.
	<a href="#">Messaging Templates for Schools</a>	Provides templates to help schools communicate their index results to parents and/or their community.
<b>Accessing and Understanding Reports &amp; Data</b>	<a href="#">Instructions for Accessing and Downloading Your School Index Report and Accountability Student Datafiles on MI School Data</a>	Provides detailed instructions including screenshots on how to access School Index reports, download accountability student datafiles, and create/submit accountability issues regarding your results if you believe there to be a discrepancy during the report preview window on MISchoolData.org.
	<a href="#">MISchoolData.org School Index Report Layout Guide</a>	Provides a description of the layout and major components to help navigating a public school index report on MISchoolData.org.
	<a href="#">Index System Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)</a>	Provides a list of frequently asked questions covering everything about the index system from components to support identification.

	<a href="#">Index Example Calculator</a>	Shows sample index and component values, calculation steps, and allows you interact with it to see how actual or hypothetical values impact the overall school index.
	<a href="#">Instructions on Working with Accountability Student Datafiles</a>	Provides instructions on filtering and working with your accountability student datafiles.
	<a href="#">Data Dictionary for Accountability Student Datafiles</a>	Provides a file layout and field descriptions for both accountability student datafiles.

▪ **Support and Contact Information**

If you have questions or concerns regarding the index system or your school data, please contact us using the secure "Accountability Issues" submission feature in MI School Data. For more general support and information, you may contact us at: [MDE-Accountability@michigan.gov](mailto:MDE-Accountability@michigan.gov) or 1-877-560-8378, option 3.