

Frequently Asked Questions on the Integration of MICIP and NexSys

On October 1, 2021, the Michigan Department of Education informed Michigan Electronic Grants System Plus (MEGS+) Authorized Officials and Consolidated Application Main Contacts of a delay in the full integration of MICIP and NexSys. The delay resulted in the budget for funding the Consolidated Application to remain in MEGS+ for FY21-22. Since this notification, department staff have received a number of questions regarding the impact of the delay. This document will answer some of the commonly asked questions.

- Will the Consolidated Application eventually be in NexSys? Will any requirements be reported in NexSys this year (like other Title reporting requirements) or will they all be delayed until next year?
 - *There is a distinction between NexSys and the Consolidated Application. NexSys is live and used to apply for grants and seek reimbursement for awarded grants. The Consolidated Application is just one of many applications in NexSys. Further, there are still grant applications in MEGS+ that will continue in that platform until the end of their current cycle, when they will be rolled into NexSys.*

- When do you expect the MICIP integration with NexSys?
 - *The integration process between MICIP and NexSys continues to progress, and districts will be able to complete the Consolidated Application in the integrated platform for FY22-23.*

- Do districts still need to add agreement numbers linking the building strategies in MICIP to the consolidated application?
 - *Yes, but there is no longer an immediate deadline. Once MICIP and NexSys are integrated, the agreement numbers must be entered to correctly link building-tagged strategies and/or activities in the MICIP Portfolio to the district's consolidated application within the NexSys system.*

- Without the integration, is there an impact on MICIP requirements for this year?
 - *MICIP is still the continuous improvement platform for Michigan. Even without the full integration of NexSys, MICIP remains the method by which plans are written and the monitoring, adjusting, and evaluation processes are documented.*

- Do all district plans need to be in MICIP for SY22-23?
 - *Yes, all continuous improvement plans will need to be in MICIP for SY22-23, including those active plans previously in ASSIST. The MICIP Template Process will no longer be an alternative to the platform.*

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- Are districts required to be authorized in MICIP?
 - *Yes, all districts will need to be authorized in MICIP. Currently, over 97% of districts are authorized in MICIP. For further information, please contact Renie Araoz (araozr@michigan.gov).*
- The MICIP plan meets several federal requirements that do not rely on NexSys (program eval, monitoring, a robust Assess Needs process). Do we still need to share evidence of these requirements during an onsite review?
 - *Yes, the federal requirements will still need to be met; however, the MICIP template process or plans completed in the MICIP platform will not be reviewed as a part of the Consolidated Application for FY22.*
- Will the Consolidated Application in MEGS+ look and function like it did last year?
 - *Yes, the FY22 Consolidated Application in MEGS+ will look the same as the application from last fiscal year.*