

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
Principals
EEDA Accountability Coordinators
School Counseling Directors
District Information Technology (IT) Leaders

FROM: Josh Black, Director
Office of Career Readiness

DATE: September 9, 2026

RE: PowerSchool IGP Success Planner Update

The 2026-2027 school year marks the first year of full implementation of the [Modernized National Career Clusters® Framework](#).

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) is currently collaborating with PowerSchool to implement the updated clusters in district PowerSchool instances that will incorporate the modernized 14 Career Clusters within the IGP Success Planner as the current platform does not support the new cluster structure.

We recognize the importance of accurate and reliable data for schools and districts and the limitations this creates. To support local implementation while this update is finalized and released, we offer possible options. Districts may choose the option that best meets their unique needs:

- **Delay IGP Meetings:** Schools and districts may choose to postpone Individual Graduation Plan (IGP) meetings until the PowerSchool update is complete. Current estimates indicate the update may take up to eight weeks; however, we are hopeful that implementation will occur sooner.
- **Proceed with IGP Meetings in IGP Success Planner:** Schools and districts may continue conducting IGP meetings and documenting them within the existing IGP Success Planner. Meetings will still satisfy accountability requirements; however,

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reporting and data analysis may be affected. School personnel should NOT lock IGPs during this time.

- **Use an Alternate Documentation Method:** Schools and districts may conduct IGP meetings and document them using an alternate local process. School counseling personnel can then enter the completed IGP information into the IGP Success Planner after the PowerSchool update has been implemented.
- **For IGPs that are already completed, locked, and designated as primary:** Schools may be asked to modify IGP data entry after the system update, to align with the modernized clusters.

We understand that the timing of this transition presents unique challenges, and we appreciate your patience and flexibility as we work toward a long-term solution. SCDE remains committed to supporting schools and districts throughout this process.

For additional information regarding the impact of these changes on IGP completion, please contact the School Counselor and Career Specialist Liaisons: **Dr. Erin Clarke (8th grade)** at emclarke@ed.sc.gov or **Clayton Henke (9th-12th grades)** at cwhenke@ed.sc.gov. For additional information regarding the platform updates and technical support, please contact **Laura Cohran** at ldcohran@ed.sc.gov.

Thank you for your continued commitment to supporting student success.