



**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** District Superintendents

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**RE:** State Supported Data System Updates

South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) provides each Local Education Agency (LEA) in the state with an instance of a student information system, an Individual Education Plan system and an assessment reporting system. Data are submitted to the state through a network of servers. SCDE is changing from that network to a new mechanism of organizing and collecting data to meet SCDE's statutory and program monitoring responsibilities. SCDE support for the prior system is being phased out.

The development of the new system has been in process for three years. That development has come to fruition with the implementation of the Ed-Fi Application Programming Interface (API). Each district has a data hub and longitudinal storage capacity. Each district's hub will connect the district's student information system and IEP systems. Students entered into the student information system will be available for import into IEP system without re-entering private information.

A benefit to the new system is the ability to roster students for different solutions (i.e., IEP, Instruction Hub). SCDE will work with the District Data Governance Group to implement statewide interoperability standards. Initial discussions will focus on 1EdTech's One Roster standard.

Another area of immediate focus is the migration of historic test scores into a longitudinal data set. SCDE is working to produce standardized import templates so dashboard solutions can be shared across LEAs without data being shared.