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Project Title: 2015 IL SEA Statewide Longitudinal Data System Application: Illinois Data for Fiscal and Instructional Results, Study, and Transparency (Illinois Data FIRST)

Project Description: The Illinois Data for Fiscal and Instructional Results, Study, and Transparency (Illinois Data FIRST) Project includes a series of interrelated efforts that will enable state policymakers, educators, learners, and members of the public to access information from the Illinois Longitudinal Data System (ILDS) more quickly and easily to support and improve state and local resource allocations, instruction, and learner outcomes. While Illinois has built and deployed the fundamental components of the ILDS and has established a robust interagency ILDS governance system, Illinois Data FIRST will connect resource allocation information to student outcome and educator information, and significantly expand the use of ILDS for intuitive and "real-time" instructional feedback.

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) is responsible for the direction and implementation of the Illinois Data FIRST Project, working in collaboration with the six other state agencies involved in ILDS governance. In addition, Illinois Data FIRST will be delivered in collaboration with the other states involved in the Multi-State Technology Collaborative (MSTC): AZ, CO, DE, GA, KS, NE, NJ, OK, WI.

The Illinois Data FIRST Project will accelerate Illinois' movement from a compliance model of data management to a service model, through projects addressing eight outcomes in two of the SLDS Priority areas: Fiscal Equity and Return on Investment (ROI) and Instructional Support. The ROI component of Illinois Data FIRST will strengthen the ability of the state, school districts, and early childhood centers to utilize ILDS information to better allocate resources to improve education outcomes. The Instructional Support project components of Illinois Data FIRST are critical for moving Illinois to a service model of data management focused on the use of data for state and local education improvement objectives.