# EDUCATION

## DATA STANDARDIZATION FOR FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY

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| **Achievements** | - Support epilogue to strengthen DOE’s ability to standardize code usage in FSF and PHRST  
- Complete expenditure account code standardization and submit request for codes  
- Integrate public stakeholder suggestions where possible  
- Implement standard coding approach  
- Publish a guide to standard school expenditure codes and categories, with definitions  
- Offer workshops to districts/charter schools to help them implement the new codes |
| - Held public meetings  
- Drafted a standardized approach  
- Implemented ESSA Report Card  
- Established DOE financial transparency webpage  
- Standardized school location code usage for FSF | **Mid-term (within one year)** |
| **Next Steps (Future Activities)** | **Challenges (Issues and risks affecting your effort)** |
| **Mid-term (within one year)** | - Review revenue account codes for opportunities to improve reporting to the public and required reporting to the federal government  
- Modify systems to process the new/changed account codes into NCES categories (instruction, student support, maintenance of plant, etc.) |
| **Long-term (two to five years)** | - Staff time – this project is labor-intensive  
- Competing priorities (time and money)  
- Scope shift – currently scope is closely aligned with ESSA and SB172, but additional good ideas could take us off course |
| - Replace the self-reported ESSA approach and legacy federal financial reporting with a formula-driven automated approach  
- Explore synergies with the Open Data effort |
### Objectives and Achievements

**OBJECTIVE:** Increase efficiency and effectiveness of Delaware public education processes and programs.

**Achievements**
- Initial membership of EdGEAR lead team established (two district Superintendents, four district CFOs, one charter Head of School, GEAR staff and DOE staff)
- Initial meeting date/time/place established

### In Progress

**Short-term (within 6 months)**
- Identify opportunities for EdGEAR projects
- Set priorities for execution
- Make a tentative plan
- Identify and execute easy wins and/or proofs of concept

### Next Steps (Future Activities)

**Mid-term (within one year)**
- Establish lines of communication with all districts and charters regarding EdGEAR projects
- Execute projects agreed to by EdGEAR lead team and districts/charters
- Review progress and refine priorities

**Long-term (two to five years)**
- None at this time – to be established by the EdGEAR lead team

### Challenges (Issues and risks affecting your effort)

**Issues**
- Time
- Diverse needs and capabilities
- Communication and buy-in among a large group

**Risks**
- Scope of effort set too narrowly or to broadly to be effective
## Objectives and Achievements

**OBJECTIVE:** Establish the Council on Educational Technology to provide strategic guidance, conduct needs assessments, offer policy and budget recommendations, plan to ensure alignment between state and local efforts, support technology-related procurement, and define acceptable use policies, procedures and processes.

**Achievements**
- Members and co-chairs identified
- Three meetings held
- Purpose and vision statements ratified

## In Progress

**Short-term (within 6 months)**
- Determine scope and methodology for a statewide educational technology needs assessment
- Analyze needs and processes to inform the FY2021 budget process
- Set priorities for strategic action

## Next Steps (Future Activities)

**Mid-term (within one year)**
- Identify and recommend easy immediate improvements and/or savings

**Long-term (two to five years)**
- Achieve specific goals of the Council set forth in the above objective statement

## Challenges (Issues and risks affecting your effort)

**Issues**
- None at this time

**Risks**
- Availability of funds
- Ever-changing nature of technology capabilities and vulnerabilities
- Competing priorities (time and money)