

# Education Data Portal Implementation Update

Supporting Common Core Learning Standards  
and College- and Career-Readiness

Board of Regents  
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# Goals at Launch:

- Data dashboards for educators, students, and families
- Easy access to Common Core-aligned curriculum and instruction resources (EngageNY.org)
- Online communities for educators
- Ability for LEA's, BOCES, NYSED, or third-parties to improve and add to the system

# Current State

- Educational data are already being collected and used for federal/state and local purposes
- Educational data are already being provided to third-party vendors to help local schools and districts meet their needs including:
  - student management, scheduling, special education, school lunch, transportation, assessment, and learning management system vendor services

# Current Limitations

- When schools and districts provide their data to third-party vendors, they are paying twice:
  - Paying for the vendor's tool
  - Paying for data standardization (to make the tool work with the local data)
- Because of this, schools and districts have fewer options and higher costs
- Students and parents have very few, if any, options

# Shared Learning Collaborative: Data Standardization

- SLC is a strategic investment of private foundation funds that will be leveraged towards more efficient use of State funds as follows:
  - Standardize data format, transport, and security protocols, so schools and districts don't pay twice
  - Increase options for educators, students, and families to support Common Core Learning Standards and College- and Career-Readiness
  - Lower costs

# Shared Learning Collaborative: Participation

- Facilitated by the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO)
- Philanthropic support from the Gates Foundation and the Carnegie Corporation
- Phase 1 States: Colorado, Illinois, Massachusetts, New York, North Carolina
- Phase 2 States: Delaware, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana

# Shared Learning Collaborative: Data Privacy and Security

- Data security and privacy is a primary goal
- States/districts retain ownership of all data
- Data are never re-disclosed to a third-party, including vendors, without LEA approval
- Federal and state security protections, including FERPA
- Local and State data are separate from other states and districts (no national database)

# Shared Learning Collaborative: Open Standards

- The SLC is a non-profit organization working on behalf of participating states
- All SLC vendors are temporary “work-for-hire” contractors with no ownership of any SLC products and services
- All assets are open and non-proprietary
- All standards are publicly available
- There is no SLC or vendor “lock-in”