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MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents and Business Managers
FROM: Rebecca Holcombe, Ed.D., Secretary of Education *RH*
SUBJECT: Announcement of SSDDMS Vendor and Status Update
DATE: March 30, 2018

We are pleased to share the outcome of the recent RFP for the Shared School District Data Management System (SSDDMS). After considering a number of proposals and the local and state costs, the evaluation process has determined that eFinancePlus, a PowerSchool service, is the best solution in order to accomplish the objectives of the state sponsored UCOA implementation. As a result, the state has entered into a seven-year contract with PowerSchool to provide this service.

PowerSchool will be hosting demonstrations of the product in the coming weeks. The dates for these demos will be communicated as soon as they are established. We will work with PowerSchool to offer a number of onsite demonstrations as well as webinars, to provide as much flexibility as possible for your supervisory union (SU). Please look for an email coming shortly to sign up for a demonstration.

The implementation of the SSDDMS will be fully funded by the state. This will include costs associated with database design, unlimited data conversion support from the vendor through July 2019, and training. In addition, the state will pay for licensing and maintenance through at least FY2021. The Agency will be working closely with the Legislature to provide ongoing funding for the SSDDMS from the state.

The anticipated timeline for this project is as follows:

1. Project kick-off and discovery will commence immediately in April of 2018. During this initial stage, the state will work with PowerSchool to identify supervisory unions that would like to participate in the first round of implementations.
2. PowerSchool will conduct a business process review and will document best practices and guidelines for system use by summer of 2018.
3. While there are a number of options for an SU's implementation start date, we expect everyone who wishes to join the project to be up and running on the new system by July 1, 2019.

All SUs wishing to opt-in should notify the SSDDMS project management team at AOE.SSDDMS@vermont.gov by the notification deadline specified in the table below, given the desired go-live date. This go-live date reflects full system functionality. Because we have structured a split go-live, the budgeting modules will be made available earlier than the official go-live date. For example, if an SU opts into round 1, budgeting should be made available in July 2018.

Round	Go Live Date	Notification Deadline
1	October 1, 2018	April 20, 2018
2	January 1, 2019	May 31, 2018
3	April 1, 2019	August 31, 2018
4	July 1, 2019	November 31, 2018

For more information on the project including the FAQ, please visit the [AOE website](#).

Please [contact our project management team](#) for any additional questions.

The common chart of accounts will substantially enhance our capacity to evaluate Education Fund pressures and set strategic priorities. The statewide system is an equity and efficiency investment; it gives all supervisory unions and districts access to a high quality, affordable system.