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# **Summary of Recent Communications and Training Opportunities**

#### **Communications**

- August 15, 2016: Initial SLDS Specifications sent to School-IT Listserv and known contacts
- November 8, 2017: Updates sent by Weekly Field Memo, memo from the Secretary. The SLDS readiness survey also distributed to all tech survey respondents
- March/April, 2018: Final specifications shared to district SIS vendors as part of simplified bid
- May 22, 2018: Final specifications and supporting materials sent to all SLDS contacts and School-IT listsery
- July 25, 2018: SLDS support group email address shared with the field

### **Trainings**

- Houghton Mifflin Harcourt completed focused training video July 30, 2018 which was immediately shared with the field
- Six additional system training opportunities followed in regions across the State

#### **Events**

- **August 8, 2016:** Presentation at Pizza IT Meeting in Essex of SLDS Vertical Reporting Overview
- **July 18, 2017:** Presentation at School IT Leaders Conference
- November 3, 2017: Presentation at VT Fest at Killington
- May 22, 2018: Presentation at Dynamic Landscapes at Champlain College (and via webinar)
- June 15, 2018: PowerSchool User Group Meeting at Montpelier High School
- July 25, 2018: Presentation at Pizza IT Conference at Spaulding High School

Note: AOE staff are currently working closely, via phone and electronically, with those LEAs who are still attempting to upload and certify their data. This has been an on-going, high-priority activity for several weeks.