



Public Schools of North Carolina

# House Select Committee on Education Reform

## P – 20W Initiative

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# Specific Items Asked to Address by the Committee

1. Current efforts to date, including what is possible right now
2. Barriers to successful implementation
3. Resources needed for completion, and
4. Timetable to completion once resources are available



# Background

- 2009 – North Carolina applied for a \$18 million Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems (SLDS) grant from the United States Department of Education (USED) but it was not awarded
- 2011 – North Carolina is applying for a \$4 million SLDS grant “to develop and link postsecondary and/or workforce data to the State’s PK-12 data system”
- Application due December 15, 2011



# SLDS Grant Requirements

See attached handout for the following requirements from the application:

- Governance and Policy
- Technical Specifications
- Data Use By Stakeholders



# 1. What Is Possible Right Now?

- Cooperation among the various agencies  
P-20W Council established
- NCDPI developed the CEDARS program which includes a Unique ID System (UID) for students and educators
- UNCGA added the UID to their institutional data file set which allows more accurate and timely matching of PK-12 students to UNC data system
- UNC Teacher Quality research effort



# 1. What Is Possible Right Now? (Continued)

- Common Follow-Up System (CFS) –  
Division of Employment Security, NC  
Department of Commerce
  - CFS provides for the linkage of data  
across state education, employment and  
training entities with data from the  
Unemployment Insurance Wage files
  - UNC and NCCCS are currently  
participating in CFS



# Current Efforts

- The Governor's Office, through its Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC), has applied for the RttT Early Learning Challenge grant, which includes funds to connect the Early Childhood sector to the PK-12 data system using the UID system
- NCCCS working to add the UID to its data system





# Current Efforts (Continued)

- SAS is working with the NCICU system to create a centralized data collection and reporting system
- IHEs are working with PK-12 to align with the Common Education Data Standards (CEDS)



## 2. Barriers to Successful Implementation

- Insufficient resources – staff and maintenance – with mandate for a seamless P-20W system
- Privacy/security/protection of Personally Identifiable Information (PII)
- Liability Protection for the NCICU system – the private sector does not receive the same protections from liabilities as do the public systems



# 3. Resources Needed for Completion

- A more informed response will be provided after the grant application is completed and submitted to the USED



## 4. Timetable to Completion Once Resources are Available

- Specific details will be provided after the grant application is completed and submitted to the USED



# Other Items for Discussion

- Licensing costs for expansion of UID system by non PK-12 systems
- Collaboration with NC Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)



# Other Items for Discussion

- Many new benefits will be realized in the future
- Once current exchanges of data are automated, it will create opportunities for additional reporting and in-depth analyses to inform policy decisions
- Requires continuous support, especially once the grant is completed



# Q & A

