

### **Due Dates are Due Dates**

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### **This is a follow-up reminder from the email from Dr. Roger Breed that was sent to all Superintendents on Friday, October 19, 2012.**

In the past, data submitted to the Nebraska Department of Education has been made available to districts for multiple opportunities to correct and update, usually without ramifications. However, NDE has changed its policy in the past year such that, effective with all data submitted for the 2012-2013 school year, no corrections will be accepted past the data's due date.

The importance of quality data cannot be overstated inasmuch as it affects district state aid and program funding among other things. Inaccurate data can also have serious consequences in terms of community relationships, e.g. PLAS and SOSR reporting.

NDE recommends all district administrators immediately contact his or her data steward to ensure processes are in place to validate and verify submitted data so that the district is not harmed by a lack of data, incorrect data, or inadequate review processes. This may require that the district administrators assist the data steward in the verification process as it simply is too much to ask one person to catch all inaccuracies that may exist in the data.

2012-2013 Fall Data Submissions by October 31: Data is used for State Aid Calculation, Nutrition Services (FRAM), Medicaid (MIPS-SPED) and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Annual Child Count. *The 2012-2013 Fall Data Submissions requires the approval of the district administrator no later than October 31.*

2011-2012 Data: A second collection will open October 25 and is due no later than November 15 : Submission for Student Grades accomplishments completed over the summer, and Title I services provided over the summer.

Due November 30 will be Student, School Enrollment, and SPED updates so that ELDA and NeSA-W testing labels can be prepared for district use.

Please be aware that updates can and should be submitted regularly throughout the school year for Student, School Enrollment, Staff, and SPED data. Not only does this keep Nutrition Services (FRAM) and Medicaid (MIPS-SPED) information current, but it assists the data steward in maintaining data quality. Data Quality is interdependent, i.e. data is cross-checked between current templates, e.g. Student and School Enrollment, and data is threaded and cross-checked between years, e.g. LEP Status.