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1.0   BACKGROUND

This document provides a description of the technical enhancements to the ED*Facts* Submission System (ESS) version 15.1 released in February 2019.

ED*Facts* is a centralized, coordinated repository of state reported, K through 12, educational data residing at the U.S. Department of Education (ED). The ED*Facts* Submission System is an electronic system that facilitates the efficient and timely transmission of data from state education agencies (SEAs) to ED.

2.0   PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to provide the users of ESS with up-to-date information about improvements, including new features, data quality measures, and reporting enhancements, that have been made to the system with the new software release.

This document lists all system enhancements and documentation updates implemented with this release. Most of the enhancements include support for ongoing maintenance and enhancements of the ESS.

Where applicable, items are prefixed with corresponding JIRA ticket numbers, which are defect or enhancement requests. For example, "Ticket–123" refers to the JIRA ticket. "PSC 123456" refers to the System Investigation Request (SIR) opened by the Partner Support Center (PSC). Only PSC change requests of interest to more than one SEA are included in these notes.

3.0   SUMMARY OF IMPROVEMENTS

3.1   Application Updates

The primary purpose of the ESS Release 15.1 (February 2019) release is to enhance ESS to allow for the collection of school year (SY) 2016-17 and SY 2018-19 file specification data that are due on or before December 2019 and to implement data collection functionality and data quality updates related to these data.

Due dates for SY 2016-17 and 2018-19 file specifications are posted on the ED*Facts* Community - GRADS 360 Data Submission Organizer.

The following outline summarizes the enhancements implemented with this release. Additional details for each of the following components are provided in the sections below.

1) 1 file specification for SY 2016-17.

    a) 1 file specification was rolled over without technical changes

2) 14 file specifications for SY 2018-19.

a) 13 file specifications were rolled over with no technical changes

b) 1 file specification was rolled over with technical changes

3) ESS Data Framework updated for file specifications to include technical changes for SY 2016-17 and SY 2018-19

3.1.1 SY 2016-17 and SY 2018-19 File Specifications with No Changes

The following tables list all the SY 2016-17 and SY 2018-19 file specifications that have been enabled in this release with no changes.

Table 1 – SY 2016-17 File Specification enabled with no changes

File	SY 2016-17 File Specification Name
035	Federal Programs

Table 1a – SY 2018-19 File Specifications enabled with no changes

File	SY 2018-19 File Specification Name
002	Children with Disabilities (IDEA) School-Age
033	Free and Reduced Price Lunch
052	Membership
059	Staff FTE
089	Children with Disabilities (IDEA) Early Childhood
141	EL Enrolled
160	High School Graduates Postsecondary Enrollment
175	Academic Achievement in Mathematics
178	Academic Achievement in Reading / Language Arts
179	Academic Achievement in Science
185	Assessment Participation in Mathematics
188	Assessment Participation in Reading / Language Arts
189	Assessment Participation in Science

3.1.2 SY 2018-19 File Specification with Technical Changes

The following table lists the SY 2018-19 file specification that has been enabled in this release with technical changes.

Table 2 – SY 2018-19 File Specification enabled with changes

DG	DG Name	File	File Name
803	Virtual School Status (added '**MISSING**' as a Permitted Value)	129	CCD School
22	Title I school status		

DG	DG Name	File	File Name
24	Magnet status		
573	Shared time status		
791	NSLP status		

The changes to these file specifications can be viewed in the file specification documents available on the ED*Facts* Initiative Home page.

All enabled Business Rules are included in the ED*Facts* Business Rules Guide SY 2016-17 and SY 2018-19 posted on the ED*Facts* Initiative (Business Rules) Home page.

The Business Rules Guide will be posted to the Department of Education Home page shortly following the release of ESS Release 15.1. There are no changes to Business Rules in this release for SY 2016-17 and SY 2018-19. The PSC will issue a broadcast message indicating when the Business Rules Guide is available.

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