

Cradle-to-Career Data Governing Board Staff Report

Date Report Issued: November 4, 2024
Attention: Members of Cradle-to-Career Data Governing Board
Subject: **Data and Tools Advisory Board Update (Agenda Item 17)**
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At this meeting, the Governing Board (Board) will have the opportunity to receive an update from the most recent Data and Tools Advisory Board (DTAB) meeting.

Requested Action:

There is no requested action for this item. This is an informational item only.

- ❖ Board members will have the opportunity to vote on the Data and Tools proposals at the May 9, 2025 Board meeting after having undergone a feasibility study; as such, it is requested that Board members not discuss this topic at this time.

Background:

The [Governance Manual](#) states “at the fall [... DTAB] meeting, up to three proposals that were prioritized in the pre meeting survey will be considered” (page 34). The DTAB member who submitted the proposal will present the idea to the DTAB, followed by public comment. Then the DTAB members will discuss the proposal to evaluate whether the proposal would effectively address the issue that has been flagged and would meaningfully advance the work of Cradle-to-Career Data (C2C). DTAB members may make amendments to the proposal.

In preparation for the discussion of proposals, the Office of Cradle-to-Career Data (Office) provided a presentation on the recommendation process and

detailed the work included in the feasibility study, including data, cost, and compliance considerations, as well as data collections methodologies.

In total, the Office received six DTAB proposals. DTAB members prioritized the following three proposals in the pre meeting survey:

- [Digital Access to Learning](#) - Submitted by Member Borgen
- [Weaving Disaggregated Multilingual Learner Data](#) - Submitted by Former Member Orlick and Member Owen
- [Student Debt at Colleges and Universities](#) - Submitted by Member Schak

After the presentation of each proposal and public comment, members discussed the amendments that were received, as specified in the Governance Manual.

The Governance Manual states that “[...DTAB] members will be asked to vote on whether the proposal should be advanced to the Office, so that it can conduct a feasibility study regarding data availability, reliability, and validity; legal requirements; startup and ongoing costs to the Office and to the data providers; potential approaches for collecting the information; any any political or other implications that would jeopardize the neutrality of the Office” (page 34). DTAB members voted to advance all three recommendations to the feasibility study stage.

DTAB members will next meet on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, where the Office will share the findings of the feasibility studies and members will determine if the proposals should advance to the Board. If any proposals formally advance to the Board, they will be agendaized and discussed at the Friday, May 9, 2025 Board meeting.