

Cradle-to-Career Data and Tools and Community Engagement Advisory Boards Staff Report

Date Report Issued: July 1, 2026
Attention: Members of Data and Tools and Community Engagement Advisory Boards
Subject: 2026 Advisory Board Proposal Process (Agenda Item Four)
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At this meeting, the members of the Data and Tools Advisory Board (DTAB) and Community Engagement Advisory Board (CEAB) will have the opportunity to receive a high-level overview of the 2026 Advisory Board proposal process milestones, including a question and answer session with data providers and discussion on public proposals as well as DTAB and CEAB proposal ideas.

Requested Action:

This is an informational item. To prepare for this meeting, the Office of California Cradle-to-Career Data System (Office) asked DTAB and CEAB members to:

- ❖ Email the Office questions for data providers by Friday, June 26, 2026; and
- ❖ Review all public proposals on the proposal repository.

Background:

[Education Code 10865 \(b\)\(1\)](#) established two Advisory Boards to provide input and feedback to the Governing Board and the Office, through feedback provided in meetings and the proposal process defined in California Cradle-to-Career Data System's (C2C) [Governance Manual](#).

DTAB Proposals:

The DTAB can provide input and feedback via the proposal process by recommending¹:

1. Changes to tools such as dashboards or practical tools; and
2. Adding data points not available through the P20 data set or adjusting (including the removal of) the existing P20W data points.

CEAB Proposals:

The CEAB can provide input and feedback via the proposal process by recommending:

1. Feedback loops with data users;
2. Evidence-based decision-making and analytical capacity; and
3. Equitable access to actionable information.

Data Provider Question and Answer Session:

The Summer Joint Advisory Boards meeting is an opportunity for members to “learn more about available data points and ask questions of the data providers about additional information that might be useful to access through C2C. This meeting would help to share information about data that are only available through C2C's data providers” (Governance Manual, page 34). To assist members to prepare for the question and answer session, the Office asked members to:

- ❖ Review the following member resources: [P20W Data System Dictionary](#) and [Data by Providers](#); and
- ❖ Email the Office questions for data providers by June 26.

At the July 15 Joint Advisory Boards meeting, only member questions received by the deadline will be asked of data provider subject matter experts.

2026 Public Proposals:

The 2026 C2C Public Proposal submission window closed on May 1. The Office received seven public proposal submissions for the DTAB and two public

¹ The Governance Manual notes that DTAB members can also submit recommendations related to the data request process. As this is not yet live, this option was not available.

proposal submissions for the CEAB. All public proposals are housed in the [proposal repository](#). As specified in the Governance Manual, at the Summer meeting, members “will be provided dedicated time to publicly discuss the ideation of recommendations received from the public” (page 34, 38). Members will also have an opportunity to discuss their own proposal ideas.

Proposal Next Steps for Members:

The Governance Manual specifies, now that the public submission window has closed, next step options for members include:

1. Submit their own proposal form;
2. Submit a joint proposal form with no more than five members;
3. Sponsor a proposal form submitted by members of the public with no more than two members; or
4. Further refine a proposal submitted by member(s) of the public or a member from a previous year.

Important Notes:

- ❖ Each member may only be listed on **one** proposal.
- ❖ All proposals are due by **Friday, August 14, 2026**.
- ❖ The Office will post proposals submitted by members to the proposal repository.
- ❖ Members will have an opportunity to present their proposals at the Fall Advisory Board meetings on:
 - ❖ Wednesday, September 30, 2026 (DTAB)
 - ❖ Wednesday, October 14, 2026 (CEAB)