WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF Public Instruction

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To: District Administrators, School Counselors, and Homeless Liaisons

From: Susan Piazza, Director, Student Services/Prevention and Wellness (SSPW) Team

Subject: FAFSA Filing Status in WISEdash for Districts

I would like to again share with you the availability of your twelfth-grade students' Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) completion status in WISEdash for Districts. This data is available due to collaboration with the Wisconsin Higher Educational Aids Board. This dashboard has been available for a few years and is growing in popularity. To view the dashboard, titled "FAFSA Completion Status by Subgroup," districts will need to opt-in by *signing* a District FAFSA Data Sharing Agreement. The form is available to complete electronically or downloaded as a scanned pdf submitted to the DPI Student Services/Prevention and Wellness (SSPW) Team email at dpisspw@dpi.wi.gov. Once the agreement is signed, please allow 15 business days for your application to be processed, after which your district's FAFSA data will flow to WISEdash for Districts. An agreement only needs to be submitted once to DPI and does not need to be resubmitted each year.

In addition to the agreement, users will need to request one of the two security roles following the steps below. We encourage districts to grant school counselors and homeless liaisons the role of "Detail FAFSA Access" or "Economic FAFSA Access" in WISEdash for Districts so they can view FAFSA filing status for students enrolled in grade 12.
- If you already have access to WISEdash, talk to your WISEdash Application Administrator in your district to ensure you have one of the two roles listed below.
- If you do not yet have access to WISEdash, use the "Request Access to WISE Application" instructions to request access to an application through WISEhome.
- You will need to request the Detail FAFSA Access role or Economic FAFSA Access role. As a reminder, each user can only be assigned one role for WISEdash for Districts.

Visit the FAFSA About the Data Page for more information. Additional resources for accessing the FAFSA data include:
- FAFSA Data Sharing Agreement for Districts Module
- FAFSA Data Sharing Agreement Quick Guide
- FAFSA Data Sharing Agreement PowerPoint
- How-To Guide for FAFSA Completion Dashboard

Who can I contact if I have questions about accessing WISEdash for Districts?
Start a WISEsupport ticket, and someone will respond to you shortly.

Where do I go to find out more information about WISEhome and WISEsecure?
DPI's WISEhome Information Page.

I need help creating a WAMS ID.
Please review the WAMS Quick Start Guide for information and instructions.

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