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## WISEdata is coming!!

You may have heard the rumbling... WISEdata is coming soon to a computer near you! And with it comes **significant changes to state reporting processes for the 2016-17 school year**. These changes will have an impact to your district's internal processes as well as to your Student Information System (SIS) vendor. They include:

- The 2015-16 school year is the last year to report student data via ISES;
- All student data for the 2016-17 school year, including student groups, must be reported via WISEdata through your SIS; and
- No direct entry of student data will be allowed - it must come through your SIS.

In return, your district will experience a number of positive benefits, including:

- The elimination of reporting redundant data;
- A reduction in time spent reporting data; and
- An improvement in the quality of the data reported to DPI.

Your SIS vendor and DPI staff have already completed much of the work necessary to receive data submitted via your SIS. As together we complete the final preparations, your district will be onboarded with the credentials needed to connect to WISEdata and begin submitting data in the fall of 2016.

**There is nothing you need to do today** but now is the time to start preparing. **Please make sure that your appropriate staff are aware of these changes so that they may be working toward this transition.** For more information, please go to our "WISEdata - Information for Schools" page on the DPI website at this link: <http://dpi.wi.gov/wisedata/schools>.