APPENDIX E: Acronym List

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Acronym	Description
WISE	**Wisconsin Information Systems for Education** *[Insert descriptive statement, if needed]*
AP	**Advanced Placement**
APSI	**Advanced Postsecondary Infrastructure**
ASM	**Application Security Manager** *DPI's role-based security management tool for district and DPI staff*
CCSSO	**Council of Chief State School Officers**
CEDS	**Common Education Data Standards**
CESA	**Cooperative Educational Service Agencies** *Wisconsin's regional educational service providers*
Co-PI	**Co-Principal Investigator**
CSN	**CESA Statewide Network** *The coordinated network of 12 CESA Administrators*
CIO	**Chief Information Officer**
CIP	**Continuous Improvement Planning**
CRM	**Customer Relationship Management**
DEWS	**Dropout Early Warning System**
DIJ	**Data Inquiry Journal** *Online tool accessible through WISEdash that guides school and district teams through a data inquiry process*
DPI	**Department of Public Instruction** *Wisconsin's state education agency responsible for public schools and libraries*

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DSA	**District Security Administrator**
DWDS	**Data Warehouse and Decision Support Team**
EE	**Educator Effectiveness**
EIMAC	**Educational Information Management Advisory Council** *A group coordinated and facilitated by CCSSO to discuss issues related to education data management including data governance and reporting, and instructional improvement systems*
ESSA	**Every Student Succeeds Act**
ETL	**Extract-Transform-Load**
FAFSA	**Free Application for Federal Student Aid**
FIPS	**Federal Information Processing Standards**
GIS	**Geographic Information System**
IDEA	**Individuals with Disabilities Education Act**
IES	**Institute of Education Sciences**
IRP	**Institute for Research on Poverty** *Center based at the University of Wisconsin-Madison focused on interdisciplinary research into the causes and consequences of poverty and social inequality in the United States*
ITP	**Interdisciplinary Training Program**
LEA	**Local Education Agency**
LRMI	**Learning Resource Metadata Initiative** *An initiative to create a common metadata framework with the goal of enabling easier tagging of educational resources so that those resources may be more easily published, discovered, and delivered to educators*
MSPF	**Multi-Sample Person File**

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NIST	**National Institute of Standards and Technology**
NSC	**National Student Clearinghouse** *A primary data source of postsecondary enrollment data*
OAS	**Online Application System**
OPAL	**Open Enrollment Application Log**
PI	**Principal Investigator**
PTAC	**Privacy and Technical Assistance Center**
REP	**Research-Evaluation-Practice**
RTI	**Response to Intervention**
SAA	**School Administrator's Alliance** *Wisconsin's organization representing associations for school leaders, district administrators, administrators of special services, school board members, school personnel administrators, and school business officials*
SEA	**State Education Agency**
SFS	**School Financial Services**
SGP	**Student Growth Percentile**
SIS	**Student Information System**
SLDS	**Statewide Longitudinal Data System** *Term used to refer to Wisconsin's entire data system including data warehouse and reporting applications built on top of it*
SMS	**School Management Services**
SNAP	**Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program**
SSEDAC	**State Superintendent's Education Data Advisory Committee** *Advisory council for the State Superintendent, comprised of school and district staff, CESA staff, and a representative from the educators' union*

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TANF	**Temporary Assistance for Needy Families**
USDE	**United States Department of Education**
UW	**University of Wisconsin** *Refers to the flagship campus, University of Wisconsin-Madison*
UWS	**University of Wisconsin System** *The entity representing all University of Wisconsin schools*
WAICU	**Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities**
WCER	**Wisconsin Center for Education Research**
WEAC	**Wisconsin Education Association Council**
WEC	**Wisconsin Evaluation Collaborative** *A unit within WCER that conducts and supports transformative PK-12 evaluations in direct response to the needs of Wisconsin educators and policymakers*
WERAC	**Wisconsin Education Research Advisory Council** *Group composed of researchers and practitioners who meet bi-annually to advise DPI on education-related research, discuss issues related to data sharing, and assist in creating the DPI research agenda*
WISE	**Wisconsin Information System for Education** *The "umbrella" term for the SLDS system that includes data reporting (WISEdash), processes for data inquiry (WISExplore), resources to support instructional improvement (WISElearn), and student-level collection systems (WISEdata)*
WTCS	**Wisconsin Technical College System**