



To: District Superintendents

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Subject: **Transitioning from WINSS to WISEdash**

Between the years 2000 and 2013, the Wisconsin Information Network for Successful Schools (WINSS) has been an important data resource used by education stakeholders to help all students meet and exceed expectations. A wide variety of data about academic performance, attendance and behavior, staff and other school resources, and student demographics has been provided through WINSS Data Analysis tools.

On October 9th, 2013 the Department unveiled the successor to WINSS, the [Wisconsin Information System for Education Data Dashboard \(WISEdash\)](#). A secure version of WISEdash, [WISEdash for Districts](#), had been released previously in 2011. Since 2013, teams at DPI have been working diligently to transition data and content from the WINSS Data Analysis tool to [WISEdash](#) and to the [School District Performance Report \(SDPR\)](#). We have extended the value of these tools by creating data inquiry process through the [WISExplore](#) effort.

As of September 15, 2015 the WINSS Data Analysis tool will no longer be available. In addition, the Standards and Assessment, School Improvement, and Best Practices sections of WINSS will migrate any relevant content to the main DPI website and outdated content will be removed. Thus everything on WINSS will be migrated or retired by September 30, 2015. Many of these resources will be found on the soon-to-be-released [WISELearn Educator Resource Portal](#).

If you have not already done so, please update any URLs on your District and School homepages to direct to the WISEdash Public Portal instead of WINSS. Please visit our [WISEdash District Communications Support](#) page for more information.

Supporting You

DPI is very focused on providing school districts the best possible customer service around using data. We have worked hard to streamline processes to get you quick answers to your questions and to help you make good decisions for your students and schools. The **help desk ticket system** is the most important step in this process. It is much faster than a phone call because questions are immediately routed to our support staff. Please submit any comments, questions, or feedback about WISEdash to <http://wise.dpi.wi.gov/help-ticket>.

Some basic frequently asked questions and links to more resources are below. Please share this information with appropriate staff in your district. We look forward to continuing to work with you to integrate additional features, data, and dashboards into both the WISEdash Public Portal and WISEdash for Districts!

Where can I find more information about the transition of WINSS Data Analysis to the WISEdash and SDPR portals?

<http://winss.dpi.wi.gov/>

Where can I find the WISEdash Public Portal?

<http://wisedash.dpi.wi.gov/>

Where can I find the School District Performance Report (SDPR)?

<https://apps2.dpi.wi.gov/sdpr/spr.action>

What data topics have been transitioned from WINSS to WISEdash?

Enrollment, Enrollment by Primary Disability, Attendance, WSAS, ACT, AP Exams, High School Completion, Dropout

What data topics have been transitioned from WINSS to SDPR?

Retention, Post-graduation Plans, Habitual Truancy, School-Sponsored Community Activities, Extra-/Co-Curricular Activities, Graduation Requirements, Discipline, Staff, Finance

Note: All topics, even those transitioned to SDPR, are still available through the WISEdash Public Portal menu.

Where do I go for basic information about the WISEdash Public Portal?

WISEdash Public Portal information page: <http://wise.dpi.wi.gov/wisedash>.

Where do I go for basic information about WISE?

WISE Homepage: <http://dpi.wi.gov/wise>

Who can I call at my CESA for help with WISEdash?

Contact your CESA and ask for their WISExplore Facilitator who can assist districts with WISEdash.

Who can I call at DPI for help with school improvement or climate surveys?

See the Statewide System of Support webpage <http://ssos.dpi.wi.gov/> for surveys links and assistance, or contact the Title I and School Support Team at (608) 267-3721 or by e-mail at dpititle1@dpi.wi.gov.