

## **EIMAC Spring 2008 Meeting**

### **What is the “Education Data Model: pK-12 Version 1”?**

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Important takeaways from this session include:

- The Data Model seeks to share what data needs to be collected and managed to meet the educational needs of your organization and to meet the needs of students.
- The Data Model also seeks to provide a national standard to inform instruction and improve data quality.
- Main uses of the Data Model include:
  - Aiding operations decisions
  - Increasing the reporting ability of education institutions and organizations
  - Assisting in data-driven decision making
  - Helping with systems developments of education institutions and organizations
  - Improving instructional delivery at the school level
  - Training new programmers who are unfamiliar with education data
  - Aiding in resolving data inconsistencies.
- Main users of the Data Model include:
  - Educators
  - Policymakers
  - Software developers
  - Researchers
- Hopefully the Data Model will be linked to the Handbooks by this summer which will allow for the two tools to be used simultaneously and use common definitions.

Vince Paredes invited EIMAC members to participate in the online review of the Data Model. He will send an email to the EIMAC listserv explaining how to access the data model for review and will include detailed instructions. *(Note: the EIMAC Listserv has been emailed the review materials.)*

The goals of the review of the Data Model include:

- Examining descriptions
- Identifying missing entities, attributes and relationships.