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Comment on SLFS:

The expansion of the school-level reporting requirement will create a significant burden on the State of NH and our school districts. From a data reporting perspective, the State of NH has just entered a five-year contract with a software developer to improve our school finance reporting system. However, this expanded reporting is not within the scope of work. We would have to seek additional funding and go through a lengthy contract amendment process to add this work. Under the current proposed FY 24 and 25 State budget, no such funding has been allocated. We need time to: 1) secure the funding in the State budget, 2) secure a contract with a vendor, 3) implement the system, and 4) have our LEAs modify their systems. This is not something that can be done overnight in our State. This would reasonably take 5 to 10 years to implement in our State.

The main tool the State has to mandate detailed data from LEA is we can delay setting a tax rate until all data is provided. If the federal government imposes an unreasonable deadline and requirement on us, we cannot in good faith hold up taxes to achieve this mandate. If tax rates are held up, then local governments have limited means to raise money. This may result in local governments not making payroll which would have disastrous economic impacts.

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Thanks,
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