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Comments Received:

New York State Education Department (NYSED) realizes the importance of EdFacts data collection. Information collected is used for National Student Report Card, IDEA Section 618 Data Products, and other long-term research projects supported by IES. All data products are useful for states to understand cross-state comparison and multi-year trends. Our concern is that the dismissal of the EdFacts team at USDOE and the technical support contract will seriously impair USDOE's capacity of timely and accurately update these data products when new data are submitted. We also concerned the impaired capacity of providing technical supports to help state resolve any data submission problems in the EdPass platform. Restoring the EdFacts team and the technical support capacity could be the solution in processing information timely and alleviating states' burden of dealing with any data submission challenges.