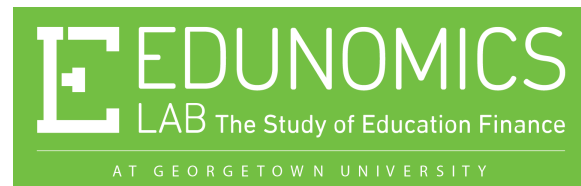


Financial Transparency Working Group: Demo of “SLFS Converter tool”

July 24, 2017



Agenda:

1. SLFS Background Information (refresher)
2. SLFS Converter Tool Demo
3. State Experience
4. Feedback on the Tool



When you can repurpose datasets for something useful!



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SLFS Survey: A viable means to obtain school level data

(in the short run for SEAs in inventory Buckets 2-4)

- Existing federal survey instrument (not reinventing the survey wheel)
- Invites SEAs to respond to survey on school-level expenditures (includes personnel and non-personnel variables)
- Code alignment w/ F-33 (district familiarity)
- NCES/Census support for data validation



Why is a “converter” needed to use the SLFS data to meet ESSA’s FT requirement?

- SLFS doesn’t include all district expenditures (only those that LEAS choose to assign to schools).
- Some districts may assign more costs, others less.

⇒ *Need a way to capture remaining expenditures.*

- SLFS categories don’t align exactly with revenue sources.

⇒ *Need a mechanism to separate expenditure categories by source.*



“The SLFS Converter Tool”

- The SEA Administer SLFS
- Insert data to SLFS Converter Tool
 - SLFS, specified fields
 - F-33 expenditure totals by LEA
 - Site-level enrollment data
- ✓ The tool separates available school-level expenditures by federal and state/local.
- ✓ Any unassigned LEA expenditures are assigned as LEA level expenditures and apportioned per pupil to schools.
- ✓ The tool produces a bare minimum analysis table for all schools in the state

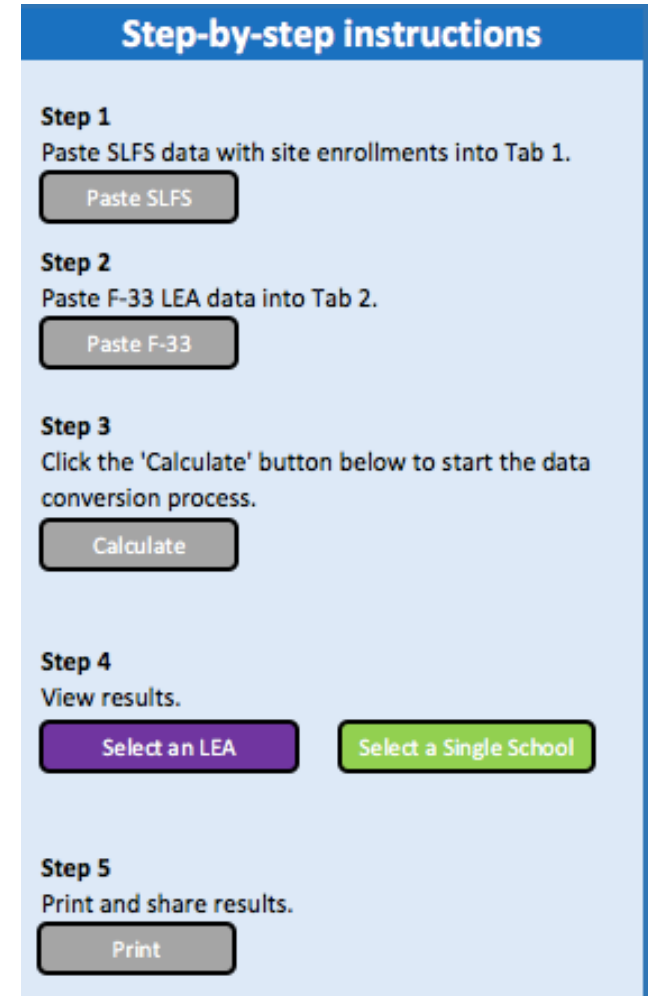


The SLFS Converter Tool May Makes Sense For:

- States without a COA with location code
- States without other school-level data access
- SEAs that may need more time to refine or fully implement a process for obtaining digital school level data.
- SEAs that already have SLFS data and would like to explore their SLFS data as a interim step.

Steps for using the tool

1. Paste in SLFS and enrollment data components
2. Paste F-33 data
3. Click “calculate”. The tool separates federal and state/local at the school level and assigns remaining LEA expenditures.
4. View Results: Filter by school or district to see the output



Step-by-step instructions

Step 1
Paste SLFS data with site enrollments into Tab 1.
[Paste SLFS](#)

Step 2
Paste F-33 LEA data into Tab 2.
[Paste F-33](#)

Step 3
Click the 'Calculate' button below to start the data conversion process.
[Calculate](#)

Step 4
View results.
[Select an LEA](#) [Select a Single School](#)

Step 5
Print and share results.
[Print](#)



Tool Output – LEAs

Results for all schools in the LEA:						
Viewing LEA: Amanda-Clearcreek Local		<i>Amanda-Clearcreek Elementary</i>	<i>Amanda-Clearcreek High School</i>	<i>Amanda-Clearcreek Middle School</i>	<i>Amanda-Clearcreek Primary School</i>	
Enrollment		347	479	378	358	
School Level Expenditures						
	Federal	\$31	\$32	\$31	\$132	
	State/Local	\$3,835	\$3,693	\$3,745	\$3,549	
	School Level Total	\$3,867	\$3,725	\$3,776	\$3,681	
LEA Level Expenditures						
	Federal/State/Local	\$6,187	\$6,187	\$6,187	\$6,187	
Grand Total (by school)		\$10,054	\$9,912	\$9,963	\$9,868	
<i>(per pupil expenditures)</i>						
LEA Average		\$9,946				
State Average		\$11,663				



Tool Output - Schools

Select a Single School

Select a single school to view spending below:

SELECT SCHOOL
A+ Children's Academy

<i>Enrollment</i>	128
School Level Expenditures	
Federal	\$967
State/Local	\$4,120
School Level Total	\$5,087
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LEA Level Expenditures	
Federal/State/Local	\$3,948
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Grand Total (by school)	\$9,035

Tool Demonstration

(cut to Tim to demo it live in Excel)

State Experience:

Chris May

Michigan Department of Education

Results for all schools in the LEA:			
<i>Viewing LEA: Alcona Community</i>			
<i>School</i>	<i>Alcona</i>	<i>Alcona</i>	
	<i>Community</i>	<i>Elementary</i>	
	<i>High</i>	<i>School</i>	
<i>Enrollment</i>	360	372	
School Level Expenditures			
Federal	\$623	\$400	
State/Local	\$3,384	\$3,007	
School Level Total	\$4,007	\$3,407	
LEA Level Expenditures			
Federal/State/Local	\$6,250	\$6,250	
Grand Total (by school)	\$10,257	\$9,657	
<i>(per pupil expenditures)</i>			



Tool Limitations

- Limited data – bare minimum with exception of enrollment
 - No means to integrate report w/ student demographics, outcomes
 - Tool doesn't separate specific expenditures (e.g. special ed, food services, etc.)
 - Maxes out at 5,000 schools (at the moment)
- Outputs are only as good as the data reported by districts.



What do you think?

Share feedback via question box or raise hand to provide verbal feedback

Interested in using the SLFS Converter Tool with your own data?

Email Katie at Katie.Hagan@georgetown.edu to receive a copy of the Converter Tool.



Next Meeting: Office Hours

August 8, 1-2pm EST

Prompt: ESSA is mostly silent on how/which expenditures are assigned to LEAs vs school levels. We've talked here about whether/how states will make rules decisions about what's assigned to central vs schools.

What, if anything, will your state do on this issue?

