

# MASC Learning Lunch: What does the USED do?

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# Agenda

- Structure of USED (Rob)
- Interactions with DESE (Rob)
  - Required data submission
  - Monitoring
  - Program approvals
- Federal funding overview (Matt)
- Questions and (hopefully) answers (Rob and Matt)

Disclaimer: meant to provide a flavor of the relationship between USED and DESE, not provide an exhaustive list!

# Structure of USED

- Administrations change but majority of USED staffing does not
- Appointed vs Career staff
- Main DESE points of contact are not appointed staff and this helps to maintain some continuity

# Interaction with DESE – data submission

- USED requires a large volume of data be submitted annually
- EdFacts is the federal data repository of information shared with USED
- Over 100 data files shared annually at the state, district, and school levels
  - Enrollment (totals, student groups)
  - Outcomes (assessment, English proficiency, graduation rates)
  - Accountability designations
  - Federal expenditures
- **IMPORTANT:** no personally identifiable information is shared with USED



# Interaction with DESE - monitoring

- In exchange for federal funding, the USED periodically monitors DESE's work (not unlike what DESE does with districts)
  - Programs - special education, English learner programs, Title I etc.
  - Fiscal monitoring – are systems in place to monitor federal spending
  - Data – required data publicly available
- Federal laws and regulations have a LOT of requirements, and they are fair game for compliance

# Interaction with DESE – program approvals

- DESE offices receiving federal funds are often required to submit plans guiding their work
- Examples of approval of mechanisms used by DESE
  - Assessment tools
  - District and school accountability system