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TO: Members of the State Board of Education

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SUBJECT: Overview of the Project 27 Student High Risk Alerts Dashboard

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PURPOSE:

MSDE is in the process of developing a number of dashboards as a result of Race to the Top. These dashboards will house a wide variety of data on a variety of topics. The purpose of this presentation is to provide the State Board with an overview of the Student High Risk Alerts Dashboards and to answer any questions on its use of data in the calculation of the risk index. The dashboard counts select disciplinary student events that are used in weighted average formula to estimate a student risk. While the dashboard uses granular student disciplinary information to calculate a sum of select disciplinary events, it does not provide the user access to that information.

BACKGROUND:

Race to the Top grant project 27 is required to develop and implement thirty-six performance, accountability, and information dashboards. Year 1 of the grant requires that the Division of Accountability and Assessment RTTT development team create a best-practice student alerts dashboard for school administrator and counselor use.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Student High Risk Alerts dashboard contains numerous data points that contribute to identifying students at risk. The student alert indicator is a weighted average of these factors. The factors were identified from promising practices in other states and have been discussed with a variety of MSDE and LEA subject matter experts. Staff wishes to make certain that the current design will provide the State Board with the kind of data it needs in order to help identify problem areas and drive policy decisions.

ACTION:

For information only; no action required.