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We are aligned in the purpose and rationale of CRDC. That is not an issue.

However, the issue is the time burden required, partially because of clunky platform functions, errors between the state's Dept of Education reporting and pre-populated portions, and the ways in which the data is gathered.

The platform currently requires the completer to make corrections to the form. For example, in the cases when someone is entering information for high school, they are asked for information about preschool instead of skipping the irrelevant preschool modules. The way the form is set up, the person cannot simply skip that section nor enter "N/A". Instead, it requires the person completing the form to go back several modules/tabs to the School Enrollment page to put all grade levels to "No", and then go back to recheck the grades for the level. This feels like something that should be fixed and function logically.

Terms between states differ, which make the interpretation of the required information inconsistent. For example, definitions of English Language Learners and who is designated differs between states and thus we spend time trying to understand what exact definition is expected and used for this reporting. Another example is that some states use "dual enrollment" and "concurrent enrollment" interchangeably, when they mean different things in Colorado. It would help to have a glossary or quick clarifying definition for categories in the form, to save the person time in trying to interpret the definition. This would probably also help get cleaner data.

Overall, it is a ton of redundant data gathering for discipline. One suggestion is to have one comprehensive table in the reporting. For example, if the question is about out-of-school suspensions, it could be: Overall suspensions, then of those suspensions, how many of them were of students with disabilities, how many have 504 plans, how many are English language learners, gender, etc.

The burden of gathering this is especially significant for smaller districts, where there is still the same amount of required reporting for federal, state, and local funding and reporting but a much smaller team to be able to get it done.

Could the frequency of reporting be something like every 4-5 years and still gather meaningful information?