

Change Request Presentation to ITAC



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Project Name

ED19002 - AELAS School Finance Payment Systems

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Accelerated Plan Phase I - Part 2 Change Request

Introductions

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Project Overview

- ADE School Finance is responsible for processing student data and calculating approximately \$6 billion per year in state aid funding to school districts and charter schools in Arizona.
- The current business process is built around an unsupported legacy technology platform that is a collection of web and desktop applications, Excel spreadsheets and manual calculations, which are processing the payment streams.
- The goal of the School Finance Payment System project is to streamline the various payment processes under a unified system that is automated, accurate, auditable, transparent and maintainable.

Current Accelerated Plan

In January, ITAC reviewed and approved Phase I of a three-year project schedule to begin in February 2020 and complete in June 2023. An Accelerated Plan was approved by ITAC on August 19, 2020 which provided for the following approach:

- Phase I - Part 1 (August 2020 – December 2020) Development of payments to charters (CHAR) and any common components (used by both charters and districts) and requirements for school districts (APOR).
- Phase I – Part 2 (December 2020 - June 2021) Development and requirements gathering of payments to school districts (APOR).

Phase I \$3,000,000 approved; Entire plan \$9,000,000

At the end of Phase I, APOR/CHAR legacy system will not be utilized for generating payments enabling retirement of that portion of the legacy system.

Project Health Card – November 2020

* Overall Project Health is **Green**

Schedule



The Development and Business Analysts Teams are on track to timely complete development objectives and requirements. Deadlines are being met.

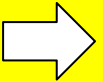
Milestones



A total of 32 out of 36 Milestones have been completed to date for Phase I – Part 1.
CHAR Development Milestones are 100% completed.
Overall APOR - Part 1 Requirement Milestones are 90% completed.

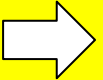
APOR Calculations Requirements are completed.
APOR Adjustments Requirements are 75% completed.

Budget



Phase I Part 1 Budget:	\$1,952,342
Expenditure to date:	\$1,425,642
Budget Remaining:	\$ 347,351

Risks



One new risk was added to the log in November. A total of two risks are open.

Issues



There are no current issues in this project.

Phase I – Part 1 Progress

Current Focus of the Program

To modernize “Charter School Payments” or “CHAR” and gather requirements for "School District Payments" or "APOR", including CHAR and APOR common requirements, for Phase I - Part 1 of a three-phased project that supports \$6 billion in state aid payments.

Snapshot of Work to Date: Requirements & Development

- 32/36 Phase I – Part 1 Milestones of the Accelerated Plan have been completed to date.
- The ADE IT Team has completed 100% of CHAR development.
- The ADE IT Team has completed 90% of APOR – Phase I - Part 1 Requirements and are on track to complete requirements by 12/22/2020.
- Completed CHAR Development Milestones and APOR Requirements have been demoed and approved by the Stakeholder, the Executive Steering Committee and ADOA-ASET.

Budget Projection

Actual Spend from February through October 2020	\$ 1,425,642
Projected Spend for November - December 2020	\$ 347,351
Forecast for January – June 2021	\$ 1,227,007
Total from February 2020 through June 2021	\$ 3,000,000

ADE Request for ITAC

Based on our current progress and adherence to the ITAC conditions, ADE is requesting approval of Phase I – Part 2, to complete remaining APOR requirements and subsystem APOR development of the project in order to eliminate the legacy system by July 1, 2021.

Q & A Session

APPENDIX

Goal of the Proposed Accelerated Plan

Eliminate Legacy System & Manual Processes

- At the end of Phase I, APOR/CHAR legacy system will not be utilized for generating payments enabling retirement of that portion of the legacy system.
- At the end of Phase II, Budget/AFR legacy system will not be utilized and manual payment calculation for DOC and DOJC will be automated.
- At the end of Phase III, all the manual miscellaneous payments will be automated. In addition, all the federal reporting processes for the Budget/AFR system will be automated.