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# Governance? Workgroups? Ever wondered what THAT's all about?

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- So you saw workgroups on the agenda...
- Sounded pretty productive.
- Wondered if that was for you.
- You're a producer, a contributor, and a leader, after all.
- But these workgroups all seem to be very far along.
- Where did they start?
- For that matter, how about the why, who, when, & what is going on?!

**You are here.  And we are glad! 😊**

# What are workgroups? Why do we have them?

- In a word, governance.
- Governance? Not sure I feel \*super\* excited about that. Should I?
- Uh, Yes! Because this is...
  - How we grow.
  - How you get a voice at the table.
  - How we stay relevant.
  - How we solve the right problems. And in the right way.
  - How you turn standards-based 80% solutions to 85, to 90, ...
  - How we step on the accelerator for community momentum

# We didn't answer your question yet.

- What's a workgroup?
- A workgroup is a number of peer community members (could be anywhere from a minimum of 5 to dozens of people),
- Who represent various constituencies (e.g. LEAs, SEAs, vendors, higher ed, other partners/providers),
- And who gather to form a charter with outcomes, to tackle an area of shared priority where problem definition and candidate approaches are needed
- In order to inform the larger community & the Data Standard with recommendations or deeply vetted options to consider

# Let's back up & take the broad view (today's agenda)

- Why is governance a thing we need to care about?
- Learn about the Ed-Fi community's model for governance
- Find out about the current teams (GAT, TAG, AWG, FWG, SIGs)
- Get Sean and Cesare to stop the acronyms! (STA)
- Learn where to stay up on current workgroups' progress
- Discover opportunities to join - where we need you!
- Brainstorm with us – needs/priorities, other domains & people

# Governance 101

- All things governance: <https://techdocs.ed-fi.org/display/GOV/Ed-Fi+Governance>
- Why & to what purpose? We are piloting an expanded approach to governance of Ed-Fi data and technology assets to create a more deeply connected and engaged Ed-Fi community.
- Who benefits? YOU do. The field does. And the data standard does.
- Let's begin with an overview, from the Governance Advisory Team (GAT) [kickoff](#) earlier this year

# I get the big picture. Fast forward and catch me up to today.

- Current Workgroups:
  - Assessment workgroup ([AWG](#))
  - Finance workgroup ([FWG](#))
  - Teacher Prep Data Model ([TPDM](#))
- Come to the Read Out Summary 5 PM Tuesday Salon CDE
  - Learn about what they accomplished up through today
  - Next steps for those groups

# What about other key groups?

- Technical Advisory Group ([TAG](#))
- Special Interest Groups ([SIGs](#))
- Governance Advisory Team ([GAT](#))
- How can I stay up to date on the work I care about?
  - See the calendar of events: <https://techdocs.ed-fi.org/display/GOV/Calendar+of+Events>
  - Watch the spaces & pages you care about
  - Ed-Fi newsletter & blog: <https://www.ed-fi.org/blog/>

☆ Save for later **Watching** Share ...

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- Watch all content in this space

BLOG

**Call for Participation: Interest Group to work on Special Education Data Model**

By **Eric Jansson**

BLOG

**Call for Participation: Join our Working Group on Analytics & Visualizations**

By **Chris Moffatt**



# Opportunities to Join – we need you!

## Call for Interest: Special Interest Group to Expand the Ed-Fi Special Education Data Model

- This participation requests was initiated at the August 2018 [Ed-Fi Technical Advisory Group](#) (TAG) meeting, identifying that an API specification and certification specific to special education data and systems would create a number of benefits to the community.
- Planned outcomes of the SIG are:
  - identifying special education use cases of priority within the Ed-Fi community
  - expanding the applicable Ed-Fi domain and API models to ensure such support.

Email [governance@ed-fi.org](mailto:governance@ed-fi.org) to join

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## Call for Participation: Reporting & Visualization Work Group

Through its governance process, the Alliance has affirmed that continued investment in a toolset that “lights up” the data standard, and is made available to the community for free as part of Ed-Fi Core, is important to deliver on two key strategic goals:

- Demonstrate Ed-Fi value proposition to stakeholders outside of IT
- Provide an “equity” option for agencies that do not have budget or technical resources to buy/develop an Ed-Fi-based reporting tool.

Come to the kickoff this Thursday Oct 11<sup>th</sup> 10:30-11:15 room 404

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## Ed-Fi Community Satisfaction Survey

This short & sweet survey is being sent out on behalf of the Ed-Fi Governance Advisory Team to gather broad input from the Ed-Fi Community on requirements for adding data domains to the data model. We hope to identify pain points and gather suggestions for consideration as part of the 2019 Ed-Fi product roadmap. We greatly appreciate your feedback!

[Take the Survey](#)

Let's look at this [survey](#) together (from Friday's Ed-Fi Newsletter). Will you take a minute to fill it out and help this work proceed?

# Other Priorities

- What emerging priorities do you have?
- What aren't we addressing?
- What are your ideas for engaging in other domains
- How do you think we can engage other domain experts & leaders across school systems, in addition to IT?