

# State Longitudinal Data System (SLDS) – Connecticut

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THE SECOND OPTION  
FEELS RIGHT. LET'S  
GO WITH THAT.



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SHOULD WE ALWAYS  
IGNORE WHAT THE  
DATA SAYS, OR IS THIS  
MORE OF A ONE-TIME  
THING?



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IT'S  
CALLED  
INTUITION.



IT'S A  
SLIPPERY  
SLOPE TO  
WITCH-  
CRAFT.

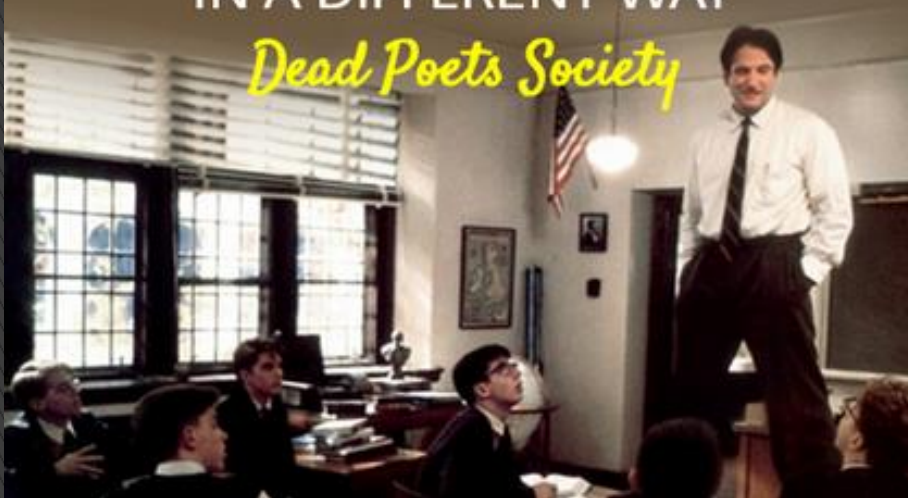


# Two Perspectives of the CT SLDS

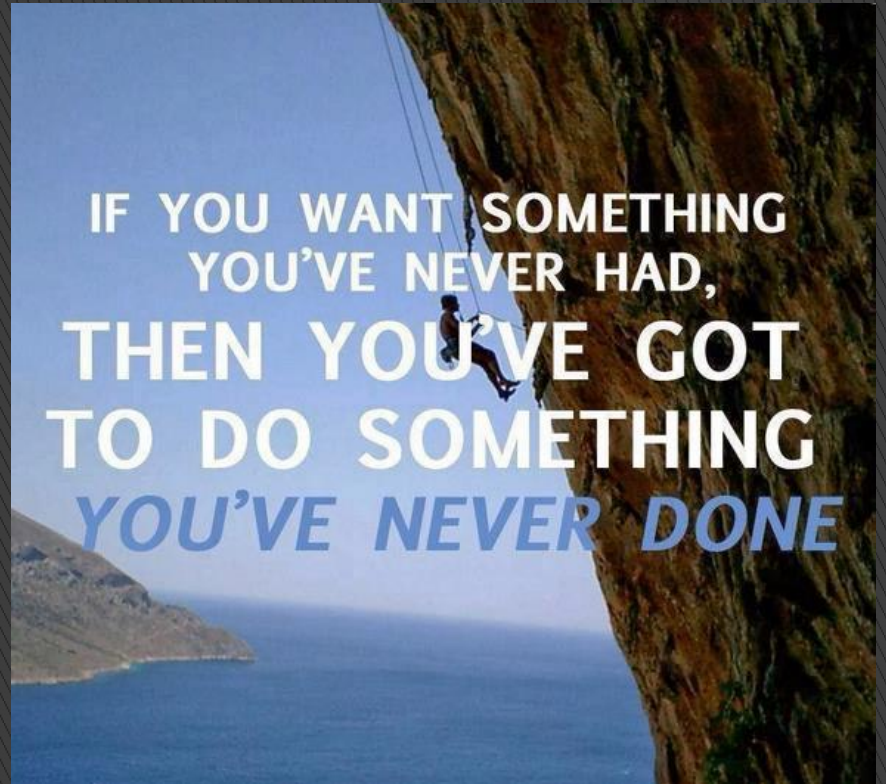
- ▶ *Intra*-agency
- ▶ *Inter*-agency

I **STAND** UPON MY DESK  
TO REMIND MYSELF THAT  
WE MUST CONSTANTLY  
LOOK AT THINGS  
IN A DIFFERENT WAY

*Dead Poets Society*

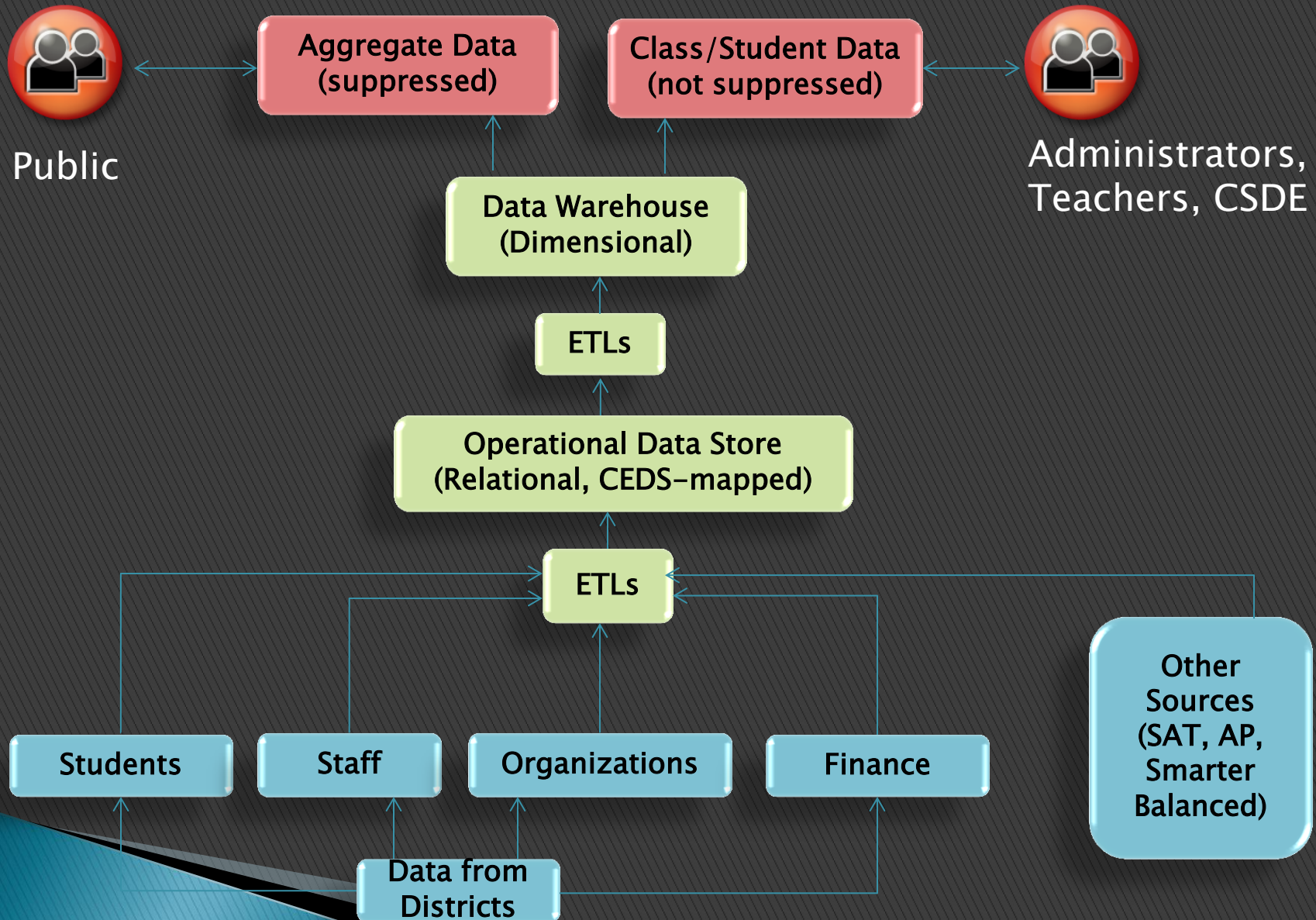


IF YOU WANT SOMETHING  
YOU'VE NEVER HAD,  
THEN YOU'VE GOT  
TO DO SOMETHING  
*YOU'VE NEVER DONE*





# Intra-Agency: Data Warehouse Flow and Access (CSDE)



# Questions a DW Can Answer

- ▶ What is the relationship between experiencing disciplinary sanctions in the early grades and attendance, discipline, and achievement in the later grades, and ultimately high school graduation?
- ▶ How long does it take new immigrant students in middle school with limited English proficiency to match the academic proficiency levels of their English proficient peers?

# Questions a DW Can Answer

- ▶ What coursework in middle/high school changes the academic trajectory of historically under-performing students so that they are academically ready for colleges/careers by 11<sup>th</sup> grade?
- ▶ Why types of placement and coursework enable elementary students with certain disabilities to accelerate academic growth and close the achievement gap?

# Benefits of a DW (if done right)

- ▶ Integrates Data *and* Staff Silos
- ▶ Ensures High Data Quality
- ▶ Promotes Consistent Analyses
- ▶ Provides Historical and Longitudinal Intelligence
- ▶ Saves Time and Resources (long-term)
- ▶ Serves as Central Store for Inter-agency Efforts

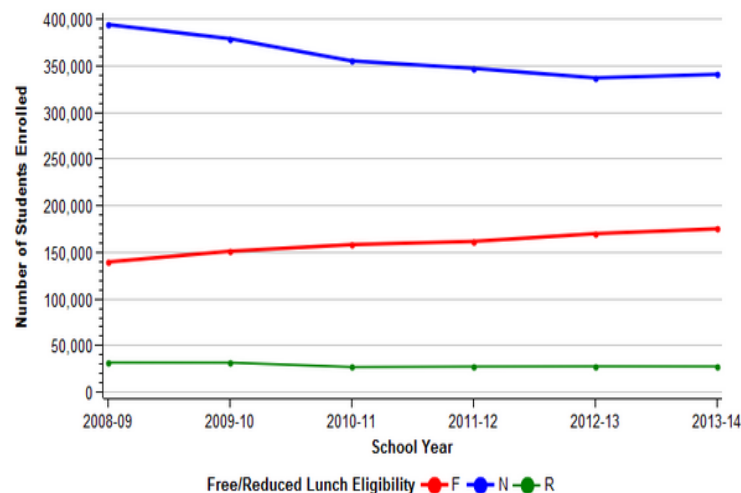


# Overcoming Challenges

- ▶ Build in parallel
- ▶ Customize vs out-of-box development
- ▶ Master Data Management
- ▶ Culture change
- ▶ Suppression
- ▶ Hosting environment
- ▶ Reporting expertise

Ends in total public school enrollment are expected to continue for at least a few more years. The chart below shows the composition of this decline by student eligibility for free or reduced lunch. The number of students eligible for free lunch program is on the rise, while those eligible for reduced lunch has been relatively stable for the last four years. The population of students ineligible for free or reduced lunch has declined over the past several years. For more data on enrollment trends, [click here](#).

**Public School Student Counts by Free/Reduced Lunch Eligibility: School Years 2008-09 through 2013-14**



## EdSight Development

This new site is a result of efforts by CT Department of Education staff, district and school administrators, teachers and parents. It is supported by federal and state funds. Many new reports across various data domains will be released over the next 5 months. See [Process & Schedule](#) for specific information.

## Purpose

The purpose of this site is to provide one location for the public to access CT Education data. CSDE analysts are using the data warehouse behind this site to provide consistent, complex analysis to internal and external requestors. By the end of the school year, CT school and district staff will have secure access to timely, longitudinal information about the students they serve.

# Inter-Agency: P20 Workforce Information Network (P20WIN)



## Vision

P20 WIN will inform sound educational policies and effective program practices through secure sharing of critical longitudinal data across state agencies to ensure that individuals successfully navigate educational pathways into the workforce.

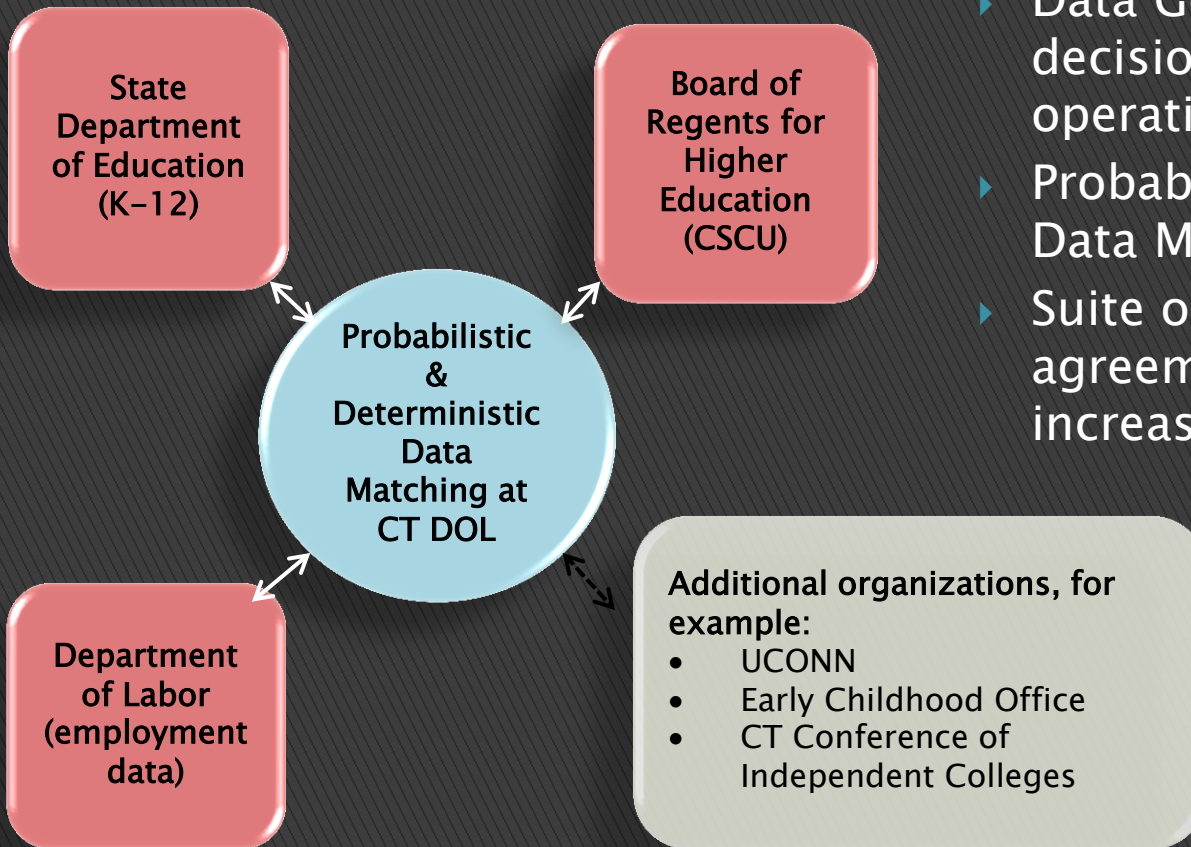


# Why P20 WIN matters

- ▶ What is the relationship between student participation / performance in specific high school courses and their corresponding success in credit-bearing college courses?
- ▶ Do Early College programs make a difference in college persistence rates?
- ▶ Which teacher training programs need to be strengthened and how?
- ▶ Have programs designed to serve local workforce needs resulted in employment for program completers?



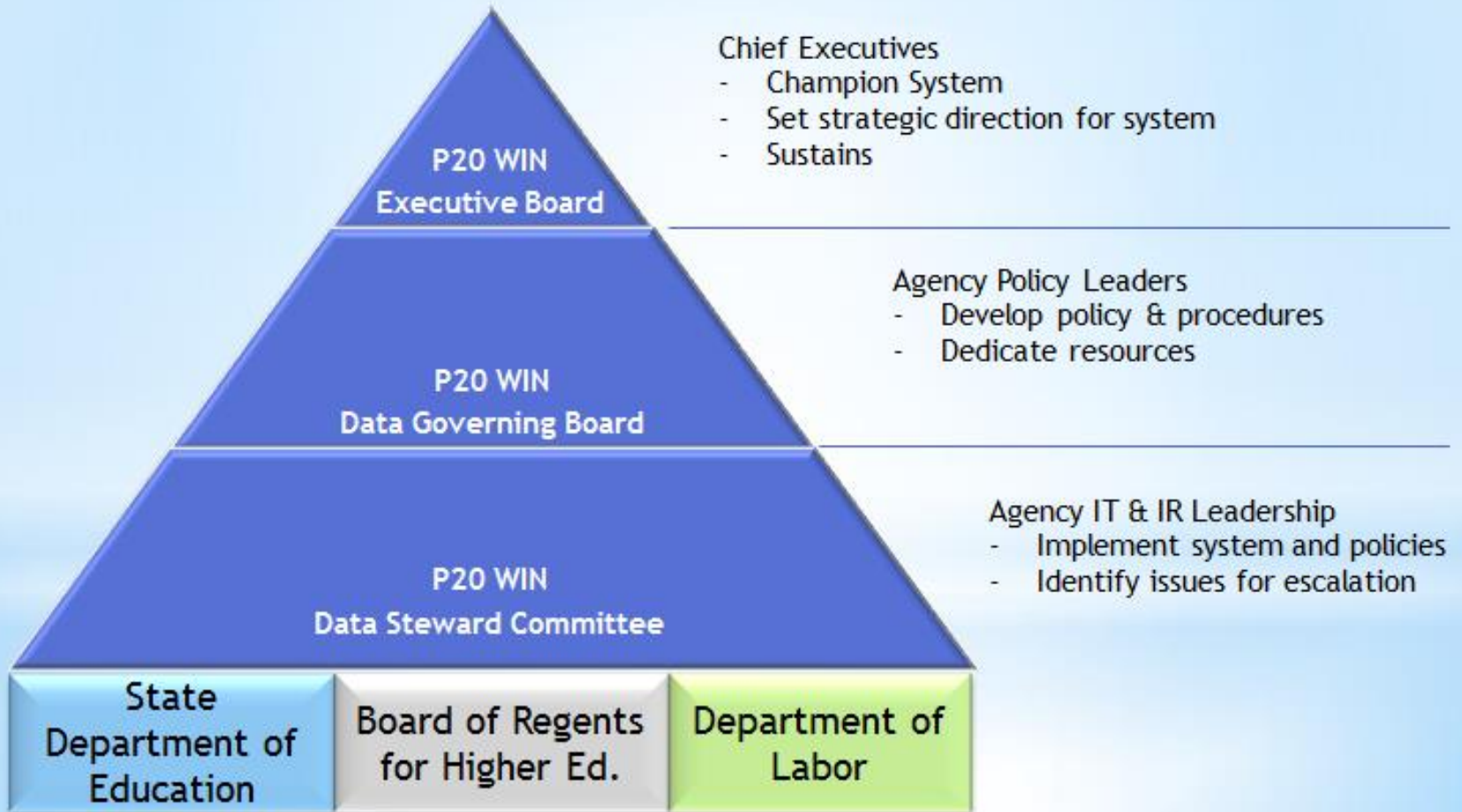
# P20WIN Structure & Components



- ▶ Agency Collaboration
- ▶ Data Governance Structure for decision making and operational management
- ▶ Probabilistic & Deterministic Data Matching Process
- ▶ Suite of data sharing agreements with templates to increase efficiency



# What have we built?



# The State of the Network

- ▶ P20 WIN is Operational
  - Data Requests processed: Data Sharing Agreements established. Approved data extracted, linked and analyzed
- ▶ New data and reports are ready to be released
- ▶ Additional & potential audits / evaluations
  - Legislative Program Review and Investigations
  - Educator Preparation NTEP & EPAC (Title II)
  - Future of SDE's required reporting for SFSF
  - Evolution of DOL's Legislative Report Card
- ▶ Planning for regular annual release of core data
- ▶ Expansion of network to include CCIC and UCONN

# A Seedling: Putting Down Roots

- ▶ Expand Participating Agencies
- ▶ Cost Sharing Policy
- ▶ Support from DOL's WDQI Grant
- ▶ Budget Request to CT Legislature

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DIRECTOR OF CHANGE  
MANAGEMENT TO HELP  
EMPLOYEES EMBRACE  
STRATEGIC CHANGES.



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UP WITH STRATEGIES  
THAT MAKE SENSE.  
THEN EMPLOYEES  
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