Advantages for a Statewide Special Education Online System

Parents

- Parents have complete access to student files at all times
- Transfers of student files and service requirements are much quicker (if not immediate)
- Transfers of sensitive student information is more safe and secure
- Student services will not be interrupted due to potential incomplete files
- Schools may immediately resume services for students with disabilities when they transfer

Teachers

- A standardized and consistent system for statewide training
- Immediate use of outside transfer paperwork with standardized format
- All teachers working with the student have access to the key information necessary to assure services across the schedule
- Reduction in time, effort and training on multiple issues of compliance with regulatory requirements (proposed system is highest ranked in compliance alignment)
- Teachers may work from multiple locations and operating systems (Mac/PC)

Schools

- Site level data and statistics are readily available in real time
- Quick analysis of program progress and student goal achievements
- Consistent tracking of student data for special education
- Simplified records transfer protocols (quick/secure)
- Simplified staff training from single source materials and statewide support opportunities
- Improved staff integration with special education student resources

Districts

- Cost savings for the district over a stand alone cost
- Simplified data collection from pre-established state and federal reports
- Access to student data trends and progress levels
- District assessment of special education programs and training needs from site to site
- Online records storage system for more comprehensive files without storage location security and space issues
- Statewide training and support opportunities over annual district specific training
- District to district transfers of data are essentially seamless with immediate capabilities

State

- Desktop monitoring of files – ability to spend on site time working to improve student services rather than paperwork compliance
- Realtime data collection for federal requirements eliminates many issues for individual data collection needs of the state
- One system to specialize in and achieve user mastery
- Statewide changes required may be implemented in one action across the state
- Standardized and uniform training in all district systems would be a possibility
- Utilizes the data system most used in the state
- Utilized the system with the highest number of already trained users