

# MS SOARS Platform Transition Process

Guidance for Districts and Schools

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**Office of School Improvement**

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## VISION

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To create a world-class educational system that gives students the knowledge and skills to be successful in college and the workforce, and to flourish as parents and citizens

## MISSION

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To provide leadership through the development of policy and accountability systems so that all students are prepared to compete in the global community

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**STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS**

1

All Students Proficient and Showing Growth in All Assessed Areas



2

Every Student Graduates from High School and is Ready for College and Career



3

Every Child Has Access to a High-Quality Early Childhood Program



4

Every School Has Effective Teachers and Leaders



5

Every Community Effectively Uses a World-Class Data System to Improve Student Outcomes



6

Every School and District is Rated “C” or Higher



# Essential Questions

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- Why are we transitioning from MS SOARS?
- What will the transition involve?
- Why do I have to download existing documentation from MS SOARS, which documents should be downloaded, and what is the timeline?
- What happens with my plan that is currently in MS SOARS?



# 2018-19 Plan and Funding Application

**Plan**

**MS SOARS**

Schools Obtaining  
Academic Results for  
Success

**Funding**

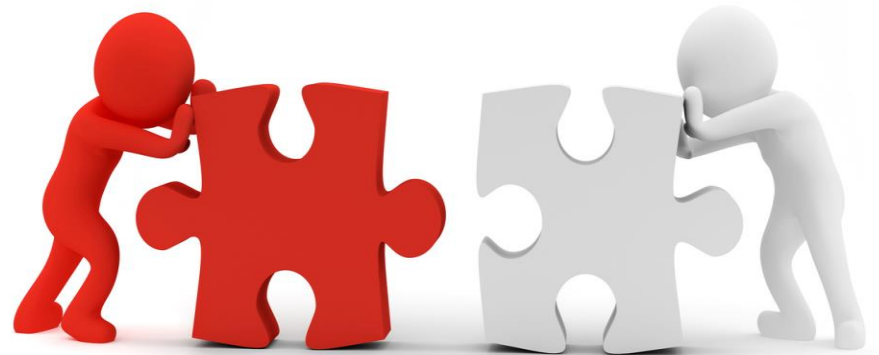
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## Plan & Funding

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So...

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What does this mean for  
schools currently using MS  
SOARS?



# Schools must...

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- Retrieve 2018-19 Documentation from MS SOARS
- Store any documentation that will support implementation of Schools-At-Risk, Targeted Support, Additional Targeted Support, Comprehensive Support and Improvement, or School Improvement Grant (SIG) requirements

# Which files do I retrieve?

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- Copy of the Comprehensive Report for SAR, TSI, ATSI, CSI identified schools
- Copy of the Performance Framework Data Collection for SIG schools
- Documentation of Meetings (Sign-ins, Agendas, Minutes)
- Documentation from Folders (Monthly Updates, Presentations, Blueprint Narratives, Signed Approval Forms, etc.)

# How do I retrieve my comprehensive report?

## In MS SOARS


- Home Menu
- Home
- Our Direction
  - View Profile
  - Set Direction
- Our Meetings
  - Manage Meetings
- Success Cycle
  - Assess, Create, Monitor
- Our Progress
  - Reports
  - Feedback
- Resources
- Program Contact
- Tech Support

Home / Reports

### Reports Menu

- Our Direction
- Where Are We Now?
- Celebrate Our Success
- Summary Report
- Actions Report
- Comprehensive Report

Choose a report above to view.



# How do I retrieve my comprehensive report?

Indicator Filters:

Activity in last:

**Filter(s)** Choose a filter to narrow your search

Show Achieved Indicators / Objectives Only

Show Past Due Objectives Only

Show Selected Indicators Only

Apply Filter

Remove Filter



1 of 1



Excel



PDF



Word



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**Comprehensive Progress Report**

# How do I retrieve my folder files?



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Logins ▾   



Mississippi SOARS

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# How do I retrieve my folder files?

Folders	# Files
Data Professional Development	1
District/School Assessment Schedule	1
External Providers	1
Intervention Programs	1
Local School Board Approval Signature Form	1
Master Schedule	1
Plan Updates (provided during local school board meetings)	7
PLC and Leadership Team Meetings	8
Power Point Presentation	1
School and District Professional Development Plans	1

Selected Folder: District/School Assessment Schedule

Folders	# Files	Title
		<a href="#">Assessment Schedule</a>



# How should I store files retrieved from MS SOARS?

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- ❑ It is at the district's discretion regarding how files are stored (electronically or hard copies). However, consideration should be given to ensure strong documentation exists to support any indicator to which 1003 funds have been used to support.

# Why do I need files from MS SOARS?

- ❑ The files in MS SOARS support implementation of requirements and approved plans (district and state)
- ❑ Copies of files that support implementation may be requested during monitoring processes (especially components of plans that were funded with 1003 funds)
- ❑ Data outlined in the Performance Framework for SIG schools will be monitored and reviewed throughout implementation of the grant



## How will I submit Monthly Updates after September 13<sup>th</sup>?

Monthly updates will be submitted via email until the FY20 School Improvement Application is released.

- CSI Schools submit via [CSI@mdek12.org](mailto:CSI@mdek12.org)
- TSI and ATSI Schools submit via [TSI@mdek12.org](mailto:TSI@mdek12.org)
- Schools at Risk submit via [SAR@mdek12.org](mailto:SAR@mdek12.org)
- School Improvement Grant (SIG) Schools submit via [SIG@mdek12.org](mailto:SIG@mdek12.org)

When the application is released, **ALL** the above designations will submit monthly updates into MCAPS.

## How will I revise my FY19 Plan if it is no longer in MS SOARS?

- All revisions for FY19 will be completed in the Funding Application within MCAPS
- Any revision to the approved plan will be addressed in Part II of the FY19 Funding Application

## No Change to Approved Plan

- Complete Revision Form
- Adjust all funding areas impacted by the revision

## Change to Approved Plan

- Complete Revision Form
- Adjust all funding areas impacted by the revision
- **Identify the New Strategy**
- **In the Narrative** (address the alignment to Indicator, evidence base supporting strategy, effect size of study, strategy, and implementation history with the new strategy)

## How will schools/districts track implementation of actions?

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- Schools/Districts will need to ensure that progress toward actions within the plan are monitored
- A template for tracking implementation of actions has been created by the Office of School Improvement and can be utilized by schools and districts

MS SOARS goes offline for  
MS Users

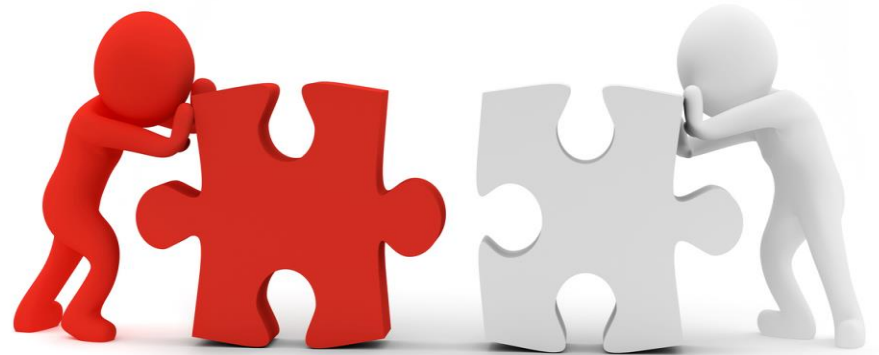
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# Questions





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