This advisory outlines updates made to the 2019 Stakeholder Surveys.

**Background**

As outlined in 603 CMR 7.03 (5), the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) is required to administer and publicly report survey data about the quality of educator preparation in the state. Through this requirement, DESE intends to grant access to perception data regarding educator readiness in the Commonwealth to preparation providers and the general public. DESE is invested in the long-term development of statistically valid and reliable instruments since data from these surveys are used for public transparency, as evidence in DESE's educator preparation program reviews, and by the preparation providers to inform continuous improvement efforts. To this end, DESE is committed to updating and improving the surveys on an annual basis.

**2019 Stakeholder Survey Updates**

This year, DESE made minimal updates to the 2019 Stakeholder Surveys to allow Sponsoring Organizations access to longitudinal data. The changes made to the surveys are outlined below:

1. **Added new survey items based on DESE initiatives:** This year, DESE added several new items to help understand the impact of several new initiatives on candidate readiness. More specifically:
   - **Curricular Materials:** Last year's questions regarding curricular materials remain in the survey; a couple additional items have been added to the Teacher Completer survey to understand the types of curricular materials teacher completers are using in their classrooms.  
     *Note: These questions are optional.*
   - **Cultural Responsiveness Pedagogy:** Added items to the Teacher Candidate, Teacher Completer, Administrator Candidate, and Administrator Completer surveys to understand educators' preparation regarding cultural responsiveness pedagogy.  
     *Note: These questions are optional.*
   - **Supports for PAL:** Added a few items to the Administrator Candidate survey to better understand the candidate’s perception of the Performance Assessment for Leaders (PAL) and supports from administrator preparation programs.

2. **Revised survey items to enhance clarity:**
   - **Professional Standards for Teachers (PST)/Professional Standards for Administrative Leadership (PSAL) Preparation Overall:** In efforts to better clarify the survey items, we revised the questions and rating scale for the PST/PSAL overall questions in the Teacher Candidate, Teacher Completer, Administrator Candidate, Administrator Completer, and Supervising Practitioner surveys (see sample below):
Question from 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018 surveys

Standard I: Overall, how well were you prepared to meet performance expectations outlined in this standard?

☐ Exemplary
☐ Proficient
☐ Needs Improvement
☐ Unsatisfactory

Question from 2019 survey

Standard I: Overall, my program prepared me to meet performance expectations outlined in Standard I?

☐ Agree
☐ Somewhat Agree
☐ Neither Agree nor Disagree
☐ Somewhat Disagree
☐ Disagree

As a result of the rating scale change, Sponsoring Organizations will not be able to combine data from upcoming surveys with previous years’ data. While this may impact Sponsoring Organizations’ abilities to aggregate data from past surveys with this most recent years’ survey items, we believe this change will enhance the organizations’ ability to interpret overall preparation for the PST/PSAL standards moving forward. *Note: This change affects one PST/PSAL question per standard. We did not make any additional modifications to the PSTs or PSALs items to ensure SO and DESE have access to longitudinal data. Sponsoring Organizations may continue to aggregate data across years via Edwin Analytics for all other PST questions.*

b. **Revised questions regarding Supervising Practitioner (SP) and Program Supervisor (PS) efficacy:** We revised language in several questions regarding the field supervisors’ (SP and PS) efficacy in the Teacher and Administrator Candidate and Completer surveys.

3. **Removed items:** To reduce survey fatigue, we removed items that were no longer needed or closely resembled other existing survey items.

To review the 2019 survey instruments, please go to our [Educator Preparation Stakeholder Survey webpage](#). If you have any questions, please contact the [Ed Prep team](#) at edprep@doe.mass.edu.