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Upcoming Hot Topic Webinars

Hot Topic Webinars regarding the on-boarding process are scheduled for early April. There are three sessions to choose from. Each session will cover the same topics: the LEA on-boarding process, selecting an authentication option, provisioning file information, and the timeline. All LEAs are encouraged to attend one of the webinar sessions. Registration is available at www.fldoe.org/sso/communications.asp.

- Tuesday, April 2, 2013, 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM (EST)
- Wednesday, April 3, 2013, 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM (EST)
- Thursday, April 4, 2013, 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM (EST)

Selecting an Authenciation Option

One of the most important decisions to make before implementing FLDOE SSO is selecting the LEA's authentication method. There are two choices: FLDOE-Hosted or WS-Federation.

- **FLDOE-Hosted:** The FLDOE-Hosted option is the most basic option to implement. It requires LEAs to send user provisioning information to FLDOE (via files or the web). With this information, FLDOE will issue a username and send an email to the user to complete the account registration process. With this method, when users are ready to use FLDOE resources, they will navigate to FLDOE to log in.

- **WS-Federation:** The WS-Federation is more of a true single sign-on experience for users. It requires LEAs to send user provisioning information to FLDOE (via files or the web), maintain current SAML 2.0 compliant federation service, an SSL certificate, and a code signing certificate. Users will authenticate with the same username and password they currently use to access school district resources. Therefore, with this method, users must log in to the school district network first before accessing FLDOE resources.

Both options, including the pros and cons of each, will be discussed during the April webinar series. Additionally, a short video called *Making a Choice* is available at www.fldoe.org/sso/communications/asp.

New SSO Resources Added

Check out the SSO Resources in the Communications and Events section of our website! New resources available include on-boarding documents, the DRAFT *LEA Integration and User Provisioning Specification*, and training videos. Please note, the DRAFT *LEA Integration and User Provisioning Specification* was posted early to provide an opportunity for school districts to get a head start planning for FLDOE SSO implementation. The document will remain in draft form until May 2013; it is subject to change.

Seeking Single Sign-On First Adopters

Are you ready to start working on your FLDOE Single Sign-On Certificate of Readiness (due June 30, 2013)? FLDOE will begin on-boarding up to 25 school districts in May 2013. If you have reviewed the materials and would like to be a part of the first adopters to implement FLDOE SSO, call us to reserve your spot! Contact the FLDOE SSO Communications Team at 850-245-9776 or FLDOE-SSO@fldoe.org.