UFARS Redesign Goal:	Review and evaluate key UFARS design elements, and make recommendations regarding any changes needed to minimize reporting burdens and more efficiently and effectively: • deliver the financial data needed to calculate state and federal aids, • meet state and federal data reporting requirements, and • ensure that state and local policy makers and other stakeholders have the information needed to evaluate system performance and make informed program and budget decisions.		
UFARS REPORTING	**Old**	**New**	**Rationale / Business Purpose for Change**
Frequency of Reporting	End-of-Year Annual (Sept 15 preliminary and Nov 30 final)	On-demand and End-of-Year Annual	Minnesota Statute, Section 123b.77. Payment based on demand submission, reducing effort for districts to request funds on federal draws
Dimensions	Fund, Org/site, Program, Finance, Object/Source, Course	Possible discussion items include time-dimension, Function Codes, additional dimensions, hierarchical vs multi-dimensional	On-demand reconcilliation, ease of federal reporting, clearing district reporting
Number of Digits	Three digits	???	Long-term sustainability
Reporting Process	Current UFARS reporting is file submission for Sep 15 and Nov 30	???	What would improve usability for districts and MDE? How could submission be improved?
Underlying Systems	Mainframe based	Non-mainframe based	Long-term sustainability
Roll-out Conversion Strategy	N/A	???	How would such a redesign be operationalized? What are the communication stategies and roll out plans?
Changes to Non-state Information	Non-state information is reported in UFARS	???	How would this affect information that is reported that is not state-related information, if at all?
Changes to Increase Uniformity at Districts and Over Time	Too many codes - too much choice, codes change over time.		
Provide Insight into Real Cost vs. Funded Cost			
Involve vendor input on changes to structure for next meeting			
Meet once/month via on-site and Web Ex			
MDE sends out summary of meeting and materials for review and discussion before next meeting			
Work group members submit questions and issues to discuss at the next meeting			
Call for agenda items			
Program contacts on both teams			
Work group members will review distributed material for next meeting			
Set up listserv for communications			
9-11:30 on 10/21 next meeting			