Pros & Cons of the RF Tracker vs PEIMS Data System

PROS

PEIMS	*RF Tracker*
• Flexibility to capture snapshot or multiple longitudinal data • Administration "owns" PEIMS*** • Useful handbook • If students are not in the system on the day of snapshot, they do not count*** • Includes valid data at a predictable time*** • Subject to multiple levels of quality control • Provides updated guidance data definitions	• Real time, immediate data • Data easily and quickly entered • Data more streamlined • Responsive to the needs of the RFM system • Tracks low incidence students that are at-risk • Use of social security number (*which is now masked*) is the most accurate way to access the correct student—data populated from PEIMS • Changes to the data can be made in shorter time • Useful handbook and resources • Clear system for entering student level data • One system statewide for identification of RF students • Located with other applications in TEASE/TEAL

CONS

PEIMS	*RF Tracker*
• Does not identify students moving through school systems • Based on prior year data • Does not capture the why • Changes take too much time • No indication of RF students or of facility they reside in • Not timely to inform RFM system • Not a standard communication between software systems • Limited number of submissions • Does not talk to RFT system • Education of how system works and how data can be used varies across state and is limited • Lag time for reporting	• Other common data with PEIMS does not populate • Flat system for robust issue (too yes/no)*** • Data entry is time intensive*** • Staging is based on risk factors • Submission deadlines not consistent with PEIMS submission dates • No edit or resubmission period • System doc out dated*** • Value applied to the data can negatively impact a district*** • Limited population does not reflect overall students with disabilities • Does not describe the facility • Does not capture the why • Does not have a use to districts*** • Data collection not rich enough under instructional arrangement • No data linkage from district to district • Does not provide clarity on "locked facility" statement • No available format for explanation/PDF attachments • No way to verify with RFs what is in tracker***