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Dear Principal,

The launch of the revamped E-platform for School Development and Accountability

The Education Bureau (EDB) developed the E-platform for School Development and Accountability (ESDA) in 2005 to support schools in conducting evidence-based and data-driven school self-evaluation (SSE).　The EDB is going to launch the revamped ESDA to replace the current system so as to provide enhanced support for schools to collect and manage their SSE data.

Major Enhanced Features

In response to the needs of schools, besides maintaining the functions of the current system, the revamped ESDA will support users to conduct surveys via tablet computers.　Moreover, the security of the revamped platform is strengthened, for example, schools need to use the Common Log-on System (CLO) for authentication when submitting data to the EDB.

Installation and Data Migration

The installation package, installation guidelines, and the related handbooks for the revamped ESDA will be available for schools to download via the EDB website http://esda.edb.gov.hk starting from early September 2022.　The EDB will also provide through the above website the data migration tool and related guidelines to facilitate schools to transfer the data collected and managed for years from the current system to the revamped ESDA.

Regarding schools' collection of SSE data in this school year (2021/22), in order to secure the smooth migration of school SSE data to the revamped ESDA, it is recommended that schools should install the revamped ESDA and conduct data migration after the collection of SSE data for this school year is completed through the current system. Schools are suggested to use the revamped ESDA for collecting and managing their SSE data starting from the 2022/23 school year. It is planned that the current system will stop functioning by the end of 2022.

Arrangement for Training

The EDB will organise online briefing sessions on 23, 24 and 26 August 2022 for school personnel to understand the installation and operation of the revamped ESDA. The system administrators and responsible teachers are cordially invited to attend the online briefing sessions. Teachers may enroll in the briefing session via the Training Calendar System (TCS) (course ID: QA0020220040) and the system administrators may submit their applications via email. For details, please refer to the information on the TCS.

Please visit the EDB website http://esda.edb.gov.hk for details and updated news about ESDA. For enquiries about the installation of the revamped ESDA and the data migration, please contact Ms LAM at 2892 6476.

Yours faithfully,

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for Secretary for Education