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TO: Members of the State Board of Education
FROM: Karen B. Salmon, Ph.D.
DATE: October 24, 2017
SUBJECT: Update on the Office of Research and Strategic Data Use

PURPOSE:

This memo will update the board on:

- (1) The status of the Office of Research and Strategic Data Use web presence
- (2) The status of external research requests

(1) Status of the Office of Research and Strategic Data Use web presence

The Office of Research and Strategic Data Use was added to the MSDE web page on September 27, 2017. The landing page for the Office ([link](#)) describes the office and directs users to a variety of resources, depending on their needs: the new “Doing Research with MSDE” page ([link](#)) if they are requesting state data, and also to the state report card, the Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center, the page for Public Information Act requests, and the Division of Academic Policy.

(2) Status of external research requests

The Office of Research and the External Research Review Committee met on October 13, 2017 and provisionally approved a proposal submitted by the Center for Research on Education Outcomes (CREDO) at Stanford University. The researchers are being asked to make minor revisions (include a timeline, and list all researchers who will have access to the data). It is anticipated that the proposal will be fully approved prior to the State Board meeting on October 24, 2017.

The October 13 meeting was *ad hoc*. Meetings will now take place according to the submission schedule located on the “Doing Research with MSDE” page ([link](#)).

ACTION:

No action is requested. This is for information and discussion.