# NFHS Participation Survey Webinar Notes

**Minnesota – Laura Mackenthun**

- Can schools report participation as a single number per grade level, or must it be entered by class?
- The state needs non-duplicated participation counts by grade level.

**Michigan – Anthony Bihn**

- Schools are instructed to enter zeros so they do not miss sections or lose their place in the form.
- Is there a way to track or display a completion percentage?
- **Davis -** Is there a way to resolve or improve the "Save as Draft" functionality?

**Virginia – Laura Parker**

- Concern about allowing ADs to add unsanctioned sports when the state does not want to collect additional information, primarily for insurance reasons.
- Timeline question: Participation data is typically due March 17 in Virginia. Will the system be ready by then?
    - Response: Some states will proceed with an early March release, while others may need additional time. From a technology standpoint, the platform will be ready to meet that deadline.

**Iowa – Todd Tharp**

- What are the next steps for state associations?
    - Response: FinalForms will follow up with a survey to collect final feedback. Additional information will be provided as needed to support each state's decision-making process.

**Wisconsin – Stephanie Hauser**

- Concerns about making unsanctioned activities optional.
- Not planning to move forward with "Option 2," but appreciative of having the option available for states that want to collect additional information.

**Indiana – Paul Neidig**

- Confirmation that FinalForms will not automatically "turn on" a site for all Indiana schools.
- Schools will continue using their current participation data collection process.

**Massachusetts – Jan Martin**

- Can schools review and confirm their submissions before submitting to the association?
    - Response: Yes. States can enable a review process that allows the association to review school submissions and address any data issues prior to final submission.

## Q&A Chat:

**MI - Anthony Bihn 2:10 PM**
We capture girls on boys teams. is that possible for this run or we wait until next year?

**Macklin Chaffee 2:11 PM**
Yes, FinalForms supports that

**CT - Glenn Lungarini 2:11 PM**
Will there be a batch import option, such as a csv file to make state input more efficient?

**Macklin Chaffee 2:13 PM**
Great question. The commitment is to an interface that facilitates your input (like UpMetrics). We do anticipate data-in capabilities and an API in time, but it is not a guarantee in year 1.

**NY - Kristen Jadin 2:14 PM**
Hi Clay. I had schools ask about nonbinary for the school enrollment numbers.

**Macklin Chaffee 2:16 PM**
FinalForms supports collecting that information if enabled. We will bring up this question to the NFHS

**NY - Kristen Jadin 2:15 PM**
Also, assuming our survey in New York is not changing? We include varsity, JV, middle school, etc. Thank you.

**Macklin Chaffee 2:16 PM**
Correct. We anticipate continuing to support the level or team-based version of the report

**CT - Glenn Lungarini 2:19 PM**
Emails will not be sent to our schools if the state is entering the data, correct? Information will only be sent to the state association office.

Macklin Chaffee 2:20 PM
Correct

**IA - Todd Tharp 2:20 PM**
Initially, schools will need to enter their sports and activities?

> **Macklin Chaffee 2:21 PM**
> FinalForms already knows school sports in most states. Installations will be prepopulated with those sports and can adjust. Most schools will not need to modify the sports listed

**MI - Anthony Bihn 2:20 PM**
Do you have past years information we can query?

> **Macklin Chaffee 2:24 PM**
> For states that have already run participation surveys through FinalForms, yes.

**OK - Van Shea Iven 2:22 PM**
Unfortunately all of our schools do not participate…we had a system to “guesstimate” the schools that didn’t report. How will we handle that now ?

> **Macklin Chaffee 2:23 PM**
> FinalForms will have an algorithm in place to fill in that information to a data-science level of accuracy based on other schools' submissions and the demographic information of those schools.

**VA - Laura Parker 2:22 PM**
Also is it clear which sports are emerged in every state. For example schools have flag football but VHSL has not merged

> **Macklin Chaffee 2:29 PM**
> Yes

**MS - Rickey Neaves 2:24 PM**
What happens when a school does not fill this out?

> **Macklin Chaffee 2:25 PM**
> FinalForms will have an algorithm in place to fill in that information to a data-science level of accuracy based on other schools' submissions and the demographic information of those schools.

**Anonymous attendee 2:26 PM**
Are you saying that if a school does not submit data that an algorithm will estimate that schools participation data?

> **Macklin Chaffee 2:28 PM**
> Yes, if there is enough like information. Of course, you will lose some integrity.

**CA - Rebecca Brutlag 2:27 PM**
Is there the ability to save your data and submit later?

**Macklin Chaffee 2:27 PM**
Yes

**DE - Adrienne Bailey 2:31 PM**
How long do you keep records of this information just in case we need a report from previous years?

**Macklin Chaffee 2:32 PM**
Indefinitely unless asked to delete it. Typically in school districts in most space the minimum requirement is 7 years.

**CT - Glenn Lungarini 2:31 PM**
More policy than procedure, but estimating numbers is not clean data. Perhaps that can be done to assist states that need that presumed data for insurance and only report the clean data to the public.

**Macklin Chaffee 2:32 PM**
100%

**Jessica Walker 2:31 PM**
Will the state office be able to submit two separate forms using the aggregate method? In the past our athletics and fine arts have submitted separately.

**Macklin Chaffee 2:33 PM**
The approach is to first solicit which sports and activities the school offers (both official and non-official) and then the participation survey will collect for those sports and activities. Does that help?

**Jessica Walker 2:37 PM**
No, sorry, we would be using option 1, state to NFHS, and using our own method for collection. When we submit our aggregate data, will we be able to submit two separate final form submission, one for athletics and one for fine arts

**Macklin Chaffee 2:39 PM**
Got it. The current design is to be one submission with both sports and activities

**Anonymous attendee 2:39 PM**
If we want to finish this year with the first option, can we switch to the second option for 26-27?

**Macklin Chaffee 2:45 PM**
Absolutely. Just let us know