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**Subject: Higher Education Data Interoperability**

Importance: High

Higher Education Stakeholder,

The Schools Interoperability Framework Association (SIFA), a non-profit standards setting membership organization with over 350 schools, states federal agencies and software vendors, has been in conversations with higher education representatives from Ohio, California, Florida and various Associations on the need for administrative data interoperability between pk12 and higher education institutions and within higher education itself.

Attached please find the result of these conversations. Some of these stakeholders have asked me to invite you due to your expertise and possible interest. We would like to invite you, and any stakeholder who might have interest in these conversations, to participate in a call:

Thursday July 20th  
Noon EST / 9 am PST  
1-800-508-7631  
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Agenda for the call:

I. Welcome and Introductions	Larry
Fruth/SIFA	
II. Overview of needs and SIG concept	Laurie
Collins/SIFA	
III. Presentation of SIG Formation Proposal	Ron Kleinman/Sun
Microsystems	
IV. Discussion of proposal and next steps	David Barber/Ohio
Board of Regents	
V. Action Items and next meeting	Larry Fruth/SIFA

If your institution is trying to find solutions to data interoperability between you and schools or between HE institutions we would love you to help us create the use and business cases to develop and implement solutions. Please send this invite along to others.

Currently products built on SIF Certified XML based solutions are providing interoperability for more than 5 million student and teachers across the globe. We expect this number to double soon with the various statewide implementations underway. Wouldn't you like to be able to leverage this work and more easily move data between educational levels? Come join us and please send this invite to other people you think are interested in the topic.

Larry

PS: Please review our website at [www.sifinfo.org](http://www.sifinfo.org)  
</exchweb/bin/redir.asp?URL=3Dhttp://www.sifinfo.org/> to find out more  
about SIFA

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