SIS Modernization Project
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There are three paths we will likely be following:

1. As part of the application rationalization process, we'll identify apps that perform some of this work and use that as the point of discussion about where the Anthology capabilities may be less than adequate. If Anthology meets/exceeds what app delivers, we'll program that for retirement and the college(s) using it will transition to Anthology. Where the issue is mixed or Anthology is short, we'll define the gap and bring a recommendation to the OSC as well as through the impacted college(s) as appropriate. Where we need to stick with an app, then we'll also use this as the opportunity to see if we can broaden it to desired colleges rather than integrate to just one or a few as the needs are likely common.

2. Another path is something that Anthology doesn't do well and where Jenzabar fills the need better. That's where we'll have to rely on the functional groups and the OSC to highlight a short fall during the discovery and solution design work. If we find something, then it will be a discussion at the OSC and associated functional groups about what we do to mitigate the gap.

3. The third idea is that we have a gap today and Anthology doesn't close it. That kind of question may be going to a future procurement, probably after at least a relevant implementation and maybe after the whole modernization and enhancement project. We don't know what that is, so we don't know how big or little that might be.

Will licensing be provided to everyone who needs it?

The licensing issue was raised in the procurement, and we made estimates based on discussion with the RFP steering committee. If we find those estimates were low as we understand better who will do what in the product, then we'll go get more or understand if the need is real.

There could be an obvious financial impact, so this is an area where we'd need to be clear in the business needs to justify it.

Will everyone who needs to see documents have the permissions to do so?

We are confident we will have more granularity to control access to documents than we really want or can manage.

This is a key topic already on Anthology's agenda and as we understand the requirements, we'll build the appropriate controls.

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The project plan is still being finalized, but FA migration is likely to be tied to the timeline for standing up the Student product.

The general flow should be one where we move data, do testing until we approve the tenant as ready to go live and then "go live." That process allows the FA team to learn the new product during training and ensure its behavior is appropriate. Because data is synced between old and new right before go-live, when they move they shouldn't have to be using old and new simultaneously after go-live.

That's the general flow so we can be alert to something not working that way; that's our current understanding.

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It can in principle, but we all want to be alert through the configuration and testing cases to ensure that this is the case.

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As we understand it, standard IPEDS is something that is part of Anthology's reporting capabilities.

As we evaluate and define the integrations we need when that becomes salient in the Student deployment, these will be some of the requirements that the integration needs to achieve.