CONNECTING THE FUND$

OUR PROBLEM

School districts were reporting special education expenditures into two different web based application systems – one for annual auditing purposes and one to meet federal requirements. This dual entry process created duplicated effort, wasted time, and inaccuracies between the data. However, both systems were needed to meet different required reporting purposes.

OUR FOCUS

Streamline the process for school districts when reporting special education expenditures, including: reduce the time needed to report expenditure data, remove duplicated effort by reporting the data only once, and increase the accuracy of the expenditure data.
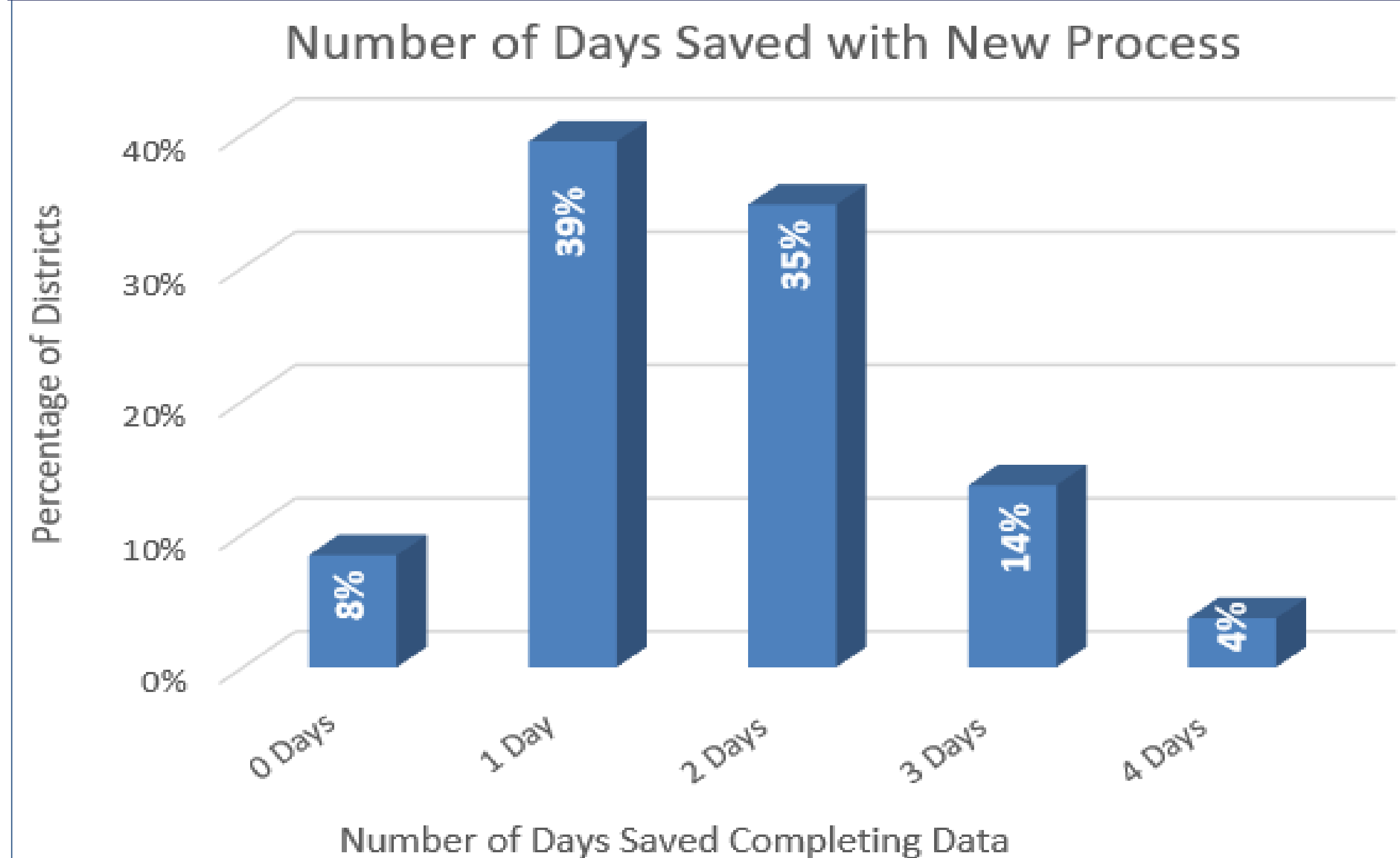
TEAM MEMBERS INCLUDE:
Office of Administration ITSD * DESE Financial and Administrative Services * DESE Office of Data System Management

OUR SOLUTION

We created a comprehensive coding system that allowed expenditure data from one web-based application system to automatically populate into the other web-based application system.

OUR DATA

Number of Days Saved with New Process

Number of Days Saved Completing Data	Percentage of Districts
0 Days	8%
1 Day	39%
2 Days	35%
3 Days	14%
4 Days	4%

OUR OUTCOMES

100% Accuracy Rate Based on Monitoring After Implementation

92% of Districts Indicated Time Was Saved in Reporting Expenditure Data After Implementation