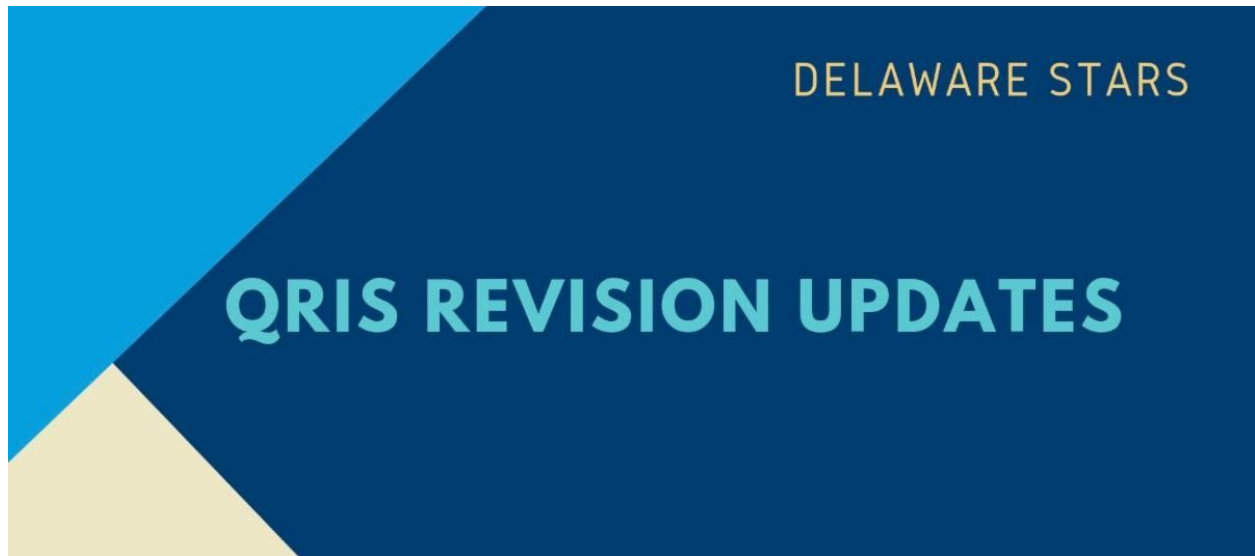




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Thank you for your interest in the Delaware Stars Revision Process. As a key stakeholder in this work, we believe it is important to provide you with an update on where the revision process currently stands.

During the past several months, the State Leadership Team has been meeting regularly to review and reflect on the revision process for the Delaware Stars and has met with the statewide Delaware Stars Advisory Committee to discuss the work to date and how best to proceed. As a result of these conversations, the state has come to a better understanding of the inherent challenges in this type of work and the unique needs of Delaware stakeholders that will better inform the development of a revised system.

Recent activities for the revision process include:

- Clarifying the roles, responsibilities, and expectations for individuals and organizations involved in the revision process;
- Identifying key decisions that inform the revision process and that are necessary to be finalized before the revision process can move forward;
- Developing a process for presenting key decisions to state leadership for approval;
- Identifying specific concepts to be included in each domain of the revised Stars;
- Clarifying the breadth and depth of standards and verification criteria in the revised Stars; and
- Revising the timeline for the revision process based on the above discussions.

This process is a complex one and as such, we are updating the timeline for the revision process to ensure that the revised Stars system meets the needs of all of Delaware's early childhood stakeholders. We will share additional information about the revision process and the updated timeline as it is available on the Stars website and through the Stars newsletter. Stay tuned for additional opportunities to provide your input into the revisions in the coming months and please email John.Fisher-Klein@doe.k12.de.us if you have any questions.