SmartData has protocols to customize a dashboard for administrators that pulls data from every possible source (Google Classroom, Digital Provider Platforms, Google Spreadsheets, APSCN, ESCHOOL, and any other source a district may use to store data.) SmartData pulls all of this data nightly to run analytics and give administrators the information they need, just in time, in a language they speak, to make informed decisions that address each student or teacher. We concentrate on the whole child and include recommended interventions, based on the data.

Without this kind of access to data, superintendents and principals could arguably have the impossible task of ensuring equity of instruction in the current virtual instructional environment. Such equity is a part of FAPE and a civil right. The $13.5 billion in formula funding coming down from the CARES Act specifically addresses the issue of equity, and is a proper source of funding to cover this initiative.

SmartData partners with the Arkansas River Education Service Cooperative to provide resources and support to Arkansas schools. For more information, schools can reach out to Tim Martin (tim@hugheseducation.net) or Cathi Swan (swanc@aresc.k12.ar.us.)

Here is a link to Cathi’s running document of why schools should know and have the option to use SmartData. This is not an official SmartData list but merely a document where benefits are logged as she comes across them.