NC SIS Weekly Email Bulletin

The NC SIS Weekly Email Bulletin highlights issues and announcements that were communicated to users during the previous week. It also features late-breaking and recurring news about NC SIS (PowerSchool).

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1. PowerSchool Weekend Updates and Fixes
The following items will be promoted into PowerSchool this weekend. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Home Base Support Center at homebase.incidents@its.nc.gov.

   A. State Staff Number
      a. Adding a process to auto-update the State Staff Number [StatePrid] with the provided PowerSchool Staff ID for newly created staff or when a change is made to the current PowerSchool Staff ID.
   B. Student Data
      a. Applying a script to update Staff State UID Number for a specific set of users with no current value.

2. Course Availability for the Next School Year
The PowerSchool 8.1.1 upgrade comprised the new feature, Course Availability for the Next School Year. This new function automatically moves current year valid courses to next year for scheduling once the new years and terms are added to the LEA and school levels, thus, alleviating LEAs from having to move courses from one year to another in designated schools.

For more information and detailed functionality of this process, please refer to the quick reference document, ‘Course Availability for the Next School Year’ (http://www.ncsis.org/Documents/scheduling/PS_QRD_CourseAvailability.pdf).
Pearson will be performing emergency maintenance on the PowerSchool application Saturday, April 4, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The purpose for this maintenance is to address the recurrence of ‘Denial of Service’ attacks. This maintenance will involve testing against the hosting infrastructure to identify the impact of these attacks and where improvements can be made to better handle them before or after they are mitigated. No instances will be taken offline; however, interruptions in service may occur during this period.

4. Call for UAB Agenda Items
The next NC SIS User Advisory Board meeting will be held Thursday, April 16 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Please submit all agenda items to Helena Coston, helena.coston@dpi.nc.gov, by Thursday, April 9. We will be limiting the agenda items covered during the UAB meetings to a total of five due to time constraints. You will be informed if we are unable to cover your item during the meeting.

Please click on the UAB Meetings link below to register if you have not attended a meeting since Dec. 2014. Once registered, your registration will be good for all meetings scheduled through June 18.

A new CCB registration link has been created for all meetings scheduled from April 16 through June 18. Please click on the link below to register. Once registered, you will not need to register again until after June 18.

UAB Meetings: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/870005865

New Registration Link for CCB Meetings:
https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2043369058510443010

A complete listing of all UAB and CCB meetings is located at http://www.nc-sis.org/meetings.html.

5. Observance of State Holiday
The NCDPI Home Base Support Center will be closed Friday, April 3, in observance of Good Friday, a state holiday. Regular business hours will resume on Monday, April 6.

6. Upcoming Training Webinars and Workshops

a) Athletic Eligibility in PowerSchool
This webinar will demonstrate the new Athletic Eligibility functionality in PowerSchool. It will be recorded and posted to the www.nc-sis.org website. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Date, Time and Registration Link
- Friday, June 5, 2015 – 9:30 a.m.
  https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6980163072792520706

b) Elementary Scheduling Webinar
This online session will show elementary schools how to create their 2014-15 master schedule on the 'Live' side and schedule students into classes.

Date, Time and Registration Link
- Friday, June 5, 2015 – 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
  https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4559779539354931201

c) PowerSchool Scheduling Q & A Webinar
This webinar will not contain any presentation. It will be an open forum for attendees to ask their scheduling questions to a panel of DPI staff members.

Dates, Times and Registration Links
- Friday, June 12, 2015 – 1:00 p.m.
  https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/3633444291248373506
- Wednesday, June 17, 2015 – 1:00 p.m.
  https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/3633444291248373506
- Wednesday, June 24, 2015 – 1:00 p.m.
  https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/3633444291248373506

d) PowerSchool Scheduling Workshops
(1) Build Workshops by Region
Build Workshops are offered for schools utilizing the “Build and Load” Methodology. Sessions are hands-on working time. Session facilitators will assist schools with completing their master schedules to the extent time allows. Scheduling teams should have completed all steps in the Prepare to Build Workbook (https://powersource.pearsonschoolsystems.com/article/6303?from=search), including validating their build data if possible.

- Region 1
  - 04/13 thru 04/14 - Hertford County High School, 1500 W. First St. Ahoskie, NC 27910
    https://www.timetosignup.com/powerschooltraining/form/6093
  - 04/15 thru 04/16 - CM Eppes Middle School (Pitt County Schools), 110 Elm street Greenville, NC 27858
    https://www.timetosignup.com/powerschooltraining/form/6094

- Region 2
  - 04/20 thru 04/21 - Teachers Memorial (Lenoir County Schools) 500 Marcella Dr. Kinston, NC 28501
    https://www.timetosignup.com/powerschooltraining/form/6099
  - 04/22 thru 04/23 - Teachers Memorial (Lenoir County Schools) 500 Marcella Dr. Kinston, NC 28501
    https://www.timetosignup.com/powerschooltraining/form/6100
  - 05/11 thru 05/12 - New Hanover County Schools 2814 Carolina Beach Road Wilmington, NC 28412
    https://www.timetosignup.com/powerschooltraining/form/6117
  - 05/13 thru 05/14 - New Hanover County Schools 2814 Carolina Beach Road Wilmington, NC 28412
    https://www.timetosignup.com/powerschooltraining/form/6118
• Region 3
  o 05/18 thru 05/19 - Northampton County Schools Central Services Annex
    320 Bagley Dr. Jackson, NC 27845
    https://www.timetosignup.com/powerschooltraining/form/6126
  o 05/20 thru 05/21 - Northampton County Schools Central Services Annex
    320 Bagley Dr. Jackson, NC 27845
    https://www.timetosignup.com/powerschooltraining/form/6127

• Region 4
  o 05/18 thru 05/19 - Cumberland County Educational Resource Center
    396 Elementary Dr. Fayetteville, NC 28301
    https://www.timetosignup.com/powerschooltraining/form/6123
  o 05/20 thru 05/21 - Moore County Schools
    5277 HWY 15-501 S Carthage, NC 28327
    https://www.timetosignup.com/powerschooltraining/form/6124

• Region 5
  o 04/13 thru 04/14 - Winston-Salem Forsyth County Schools
    475 Corporate Square Drive Winston-Salem, NC 27105
    https://www.timetosignup.com/powerschooltraining/form/6096
  o 04/15 thru 04/16 - Winston-Salem Forsyth County Schools
    475 Corporate Square Drive Winston-Salem, NC 27105
    https://www.timetosignup.com/powerschooltraining/form/6097
  o 05/04 thru 05/05 - Orange County Schools
    1914 New Hope Church Rd. Chapel Hill, NC 27514
    https://www.timetosignup.com/powerschooltraining/form/6098
  o 05/06 - 05/07 - Orange County Schools
    1914 New Hope Church Rd. Chapel Hill, NC 27514
    https://www.timetosignup.com/powerschooltraining/form/6099

• Region 6
  o 04/27 thru 04/28 - Union County Schools
    721 Brewer Dr. Monroe, NC 28112
    https://www.timetosignup.com/powerschooltraining/form/6105
  o 04/29 thru 04/30 - Union County Schools
    721 Brewer Dr. Monroe, NC 28112
    https://www.timetosignup.com/powerschooltraining/form/6106
  o 05/27 thru 05/28 - Stanly County BOE
    1000-4 North 1st St. Albemarle, NC 28001
    https://www.timetosignup.com/powerschooltraining/form/6130
  o 05/27 thru 05/28 - Gaston County Schools
    240 8th Ave. Cramerton, NC 28032
    https://www.timetosignup.com/powerschooltraining/form/6129

• Region 7
  o 04/27 thru 04/28 - Mooresville Graded School District
    305 North Main Street Mooresville, NC 28115 - Closed
  o 04/29 thru 04/30 - Mooresville Graded School District
    305 North Main Street Mooresville, NC 28115
    https://www.timetosignup.com/powerschooltraining/form/6109
• Region 8
  o 04/20 thru 04/21 - Buncombe County Schools
    175 Bingham Rd Asheville, NC 28806
    https://www.timetosignup.com/powerschooltraining/form/6102
  o 04/22 thru 04/23 - Buncombe County Schools
    175 Bingham Rd Asheville, NC 28806
    https://www.timetosignup.com/powerschooltraining/form/6103
  o 05/04 thru 05/05 - Jackson County Schools
    398 Hospital Rd Sylva, NC 28779
    https://www.timetosignup.com/powerschooltraining/form/6111
  o 05/06 thru 05/07 - Jackson County Schools
    398 Hospital Rd Sylva, NC 28779
    https://www.timetosignup.com/powerschooltraining/form/6112

PowerSchool Scheduling Workshops

(2) Load Only Workshops by Region

Load Only Workshops are offered for schools utilizing the “Load Only” Methodology. Sessions are hands-on working time. Session facilitators will assist schools with loading their students and completing their schedules to the extent time allows. Scheduling teams should have completed all steps in the Load Process Workbook (https://powersource.pearsonschoolsystems.com/article/6750?from=search), ensuring that a complete, valid timetable is in place and the load data is validated, if possible.

• Region 1
  o 04/17/2015 - Washington County Union School,
    37 East Mill Pond Road Roper, North Carolina 27970
    https://www.timetosignup.com/powerschooltraining/form/6095

• Region 2
  o 04/24/2015 - Teachers Memorial (Lenoir County Schools)
    500 Marcella Dr. Kinston, NC 28501
    https://www.timetosignup.com/powerschooltraining/form/6101
  o 05/15/2015 - New Hanover County Schools
    2814 Carolina Beach Road Wilmington, NC 28412
    https://www.timetosignup.com/powerschooltraining/form/6119

• Region 3
  o 05/22/2015 - Northampton County Schools Central Services Annex
    320 Bagley Dr. Jackson, NC 27845
    https://www.timetosignup.com/powerschooltraining/form/6128

• Region 4
  o 05/22/2015 - Moore County Schools
    5277 HWY 15-501 S Carthage, NC 28327
    https://www.timetosignup.com/powerschooltraining/form/6125
e) Scheduling Help Sessions
Scheduling Help Sessions are offered to schools that are having difficulty completing the scheduling process. Sessions are face-to-face at the NCDPI Building (301 N Wilmington St. Raleigh, NC) in Room 564. Schools will work with session facilitators to complete their schedules to the extent allowed by time. Sessions are scheduled for two days, but time of attendance will vary depending on degree of assistance required. Schools may register for one help session only to provide adequate availability for all schools. If after the initial signup period (thru 5/22) seats are available, they will be made available on a first come, first served basis.

Please register only one person for the workshop to represent the school. Up to 4 people per school may attend with this registration.

Dates, Times and Registration Link
- June 1-2, 2015 – 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. each day
  https://www.timetosignup.com/powerschooltraining/form/6192
f) Title III Applications Suite (LEP, W-APT, Immigrant, and LEPPD) in PowerSchool
This webinar will demonstrate the new functionality of the Title III Applications Suite (LEP, W-APT, Immigrant, and LEPPD) in PowerSchool and highlight pertinent policies regarding the collection Title III/ESL program.

Date, Time and Registration Link

- June 3-4, 2015 – 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. each day
  https://www.timetosignup.com/powerschooltraining/form/6193
- June 8-9, 2015 – 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. each day
  https://www.timetosignup.com/powerschooltraining/form/6194
- June 10-11, 2015 – 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. each day
  https://www.timetosignup.com/powerschooltraining/form/6195

- Tuesday, April 14, 2015 - 10:00 a.m.
  https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7822991512040641793

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

**Please note all registration information is subject to NC Public Records Law.

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