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

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1. PowerSchool Weekend Updates and Fixes

The following items were promoted into PowerSchool over the weekend. If you have any questions or concerns about these items, please contact the Home Base Support Center at homebase.incidents@its.nc.gov.

a. PowerSchool Release 7.11

b. State Compliance Reports Release (14.4.0)
   - Updates for PMR/GRS, SAR, Dropout, ALP and AIG
   - New report added – Discipline and GDV

c. Executed Scripts:
   - Script to update the ‘exclude from GPA field’ for all “Ps” – should run weekly
   - FTE script – should run weekly
   - Race/Ethnicity script – update the rolled up federal reporting value – should run weekly

d. NEW! NCDPI Report Card (replaces the old one and is more efficient)

e. NEW! SQL Reports 4 Plug-in (reports and documentation coming soon)

f. Student Pages - Health
   - Health – Health Plans – Changed last reference from ‘Assessments’ to ‘History’

g. Applied fix for UNC Minimum Requirements Calculation
2. Fees Transaction Invoice Report - Update

The issue with the Fees Transaction Invoice Report has been resolved. This is a report that many LEAs have downloaded from the PowerSource Exchange community for use with the Fees module. A few weeks ago, it began to fail in several LEAs and affected PowerSchool performance. Users were asked to refrain from using the report until further notice. Now that the error has been corrected the new version can be downloaded here under Object Reports: [http://www.ncsis.org/reporting_templates.html](http://www.ncsis.org/reporting_templates.html).

Best Practices for running this report are:

- This report runs well for students with 5 fee transactions or less.
- If students have more than 5 fee transactions, the printed tables in the report may overlap causing display issues.
- If you attempt to run the Fees Transaction Invoice for a large number of students, you may want to use the batch option on the print parameters screen. This option will print the report in batches, dividing the report up into smaller jobs. The batch option runs faster for large numbers of students who have multiple fees.

![Options for printing fees report](image)

- If your LEA/school uses a large number of fees and you would like a report that has similar functionality, the Invoice Fees report from the PowerSource Exchange may meet your needs. This report can also be downloaded at the link below.

  Invoice Fees: [http://www.ncsis.org/reporting_templates.html](http://www.ncsis.org/reporting_templates.html)

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3. New and Updated Pages and Documents on the Web

SAR Presentation

End of Year Process Page
[http://www.nc-sis.org/eoy.html](http://www.nc-sis.org/eoy.html)

PowerSchool NC Extended Schema Data Dictionary

Standard Based Report Card Page
[http://www.nc-sis.org/standardbasedreportcard.html](http://www.nc-sis.org/standardbasedreportcard.html)
2014 – 15 Course Code List
http://www.nc-sis.org/courses.html

4. SQL 4 Reports

Pearson installed SQL 4 Reports over the maintenance weekend. This tool which is not a Pearson product will be used to view reports written by NCDPI for LEA use. Reports that are available in PowerSchool will not be duplicated using this tool.

NCDPI is in the process of installing the following reports to the LEA instances. We will notify you when the reports are loaded and ready for use. A modified User Guide is attached.

Discipline Reports:
  - Incident Report by School
  - Individual Student Incident Report
  - Student Incident Action Report

Reports graciously provided by Wake County Public Schools:
  - Daily Attendance Report
  - Meeting Attendance Report
  - Student Attendance Report – Daily
  - Student Attendance Report – Meeting
  - Courses with final mark of P in Historical Grades
  - Incorrect GPA Point Values in Historical Grades
  - Course Requests - Current Students by Grade Level
  - Course Requests - Next Year Students
  - Students with Zero Course Requests for Next Year
  - Activities List – Student
  - Current Classes – Students
  - Current Classes - Students w/ Daily Att
  - Current Classes - Students with Period Att
  - Current Year Withdrawals
  - Immunization Exemptions
  - Stored Grades Report

Known issue: Sometimes the SQLRpt4 tab will duplicate. If this should happen, please go out and come back in to resolve the issue. This is not an application that is supported by Pearson and as the developer makes updates, we will make them available to you.

For additional information or questions please contact the Home Base Support Center at homebase.incidents@its.nc.gov.

5. EOY Process

Yes, we are approaching that time of year when schools really need to start preparing for the End of Year (EOY) process. One of many features that comes with PowerSchool is the ability for each LEA to
run its own EOY process. This year, NCDPI is inviting LEAs to participate in the EOY process. We are giving two webinars to provide insight into the process and to define what it means when LEAs/charters run EOY vs. DPI running EOY for the districts. Representatives for each LEA/charter are encouraged to attend one of the two webinars because your feedback will be needed as a result of the webinar. The webinars are planned for Thursday, May 1 and Monday, May 5 from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Subsequent webinars and documentation will follow as a result of questions and feedback.

A poll to collect your response has been created at this link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CP3HKMK. We only need one representative (preferably the SIS Coordinator) from each district to respond. The deadline for receiving a response is Friday, May 9, after the planned webinars have occurred.

To register for one of these webinars, please click on the link below for the time and date that is more convenient for you.

**Webinar Dates and Registration Links:**

Preparing for EOY – Validations and Expectations
May 1, 2014 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/124464401

Preparing for EOY – Validations and Expectations
May 5, 2014 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/136842720

EOY documents are also available for viewing at http://www.nc-sis.org/eoy.html.

**Survey Link for LEA Coordinator/Lead (only one person from each LEA should complete this survey):**
https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CP3HKMK

If you have any questions concerning the webinars or survey, please contact the Home Base Support Center at homebase.incidents@its.nc.gov.

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