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 and the PowerSchool project.

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1. PowerSchool Weekend Updates and Fixes

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

   a. NC Custom Reports
      i. Health Screenings Report - updated default search value from blank to “Any” to search for all outcomes if no outcome is selected on the Search Tool.

   b. State Reporting
      i. Updated setup pages for CRDC at the District level with new minor content changes.

   c. Ran the following scripts:
      i. Script to update the exclude from GPA field for all “P” values – This script corrects the issue where courses in stored grades (final grade) that have a final value of P (pass) are currently calculating as failing marks in the GPA calculation.
      ii. FTE script
      iii. Race/Ethnicity

   d. EDDIE interface was turned back on Monday night (August 11, 2014).
   e. Migrant data imports still in progress

2. 2014 NC SIS Summer Update: Getting Back to School Business

The 2014 NC SIS Summer Update took place on Monday, August 11 via GoTo Webinar and, once again, your participation made it a successful event. Topics included: What’s New in PowerSchool 8.0, Are You Ready - School Setup?, Federal Reporting, State Reporting, Curriculum Updates, Attendance Tracking
and Concepts for Change. If you were unable to attend, both webinar sessions (Part I and Part II) and each individual presentation have been made available for viewing and downloading from the Summer Update Presentations page(\url{http://www.nc-sis.org/2014_Summer_Update_Presentations.html}) on the nc-sis.org website.

3. New and Updated Information on the Web

a. 2014 NC SIS Summer Update Presentations and Webinar - New
   \url{http://www.nc-sis.org/2014_Summer_Update_Presentations.html}

b. 2014-15 Course Code List and Do Not Use List – Update
   \url{http://www.nc-sis.org/courses.html}

4. Upcoming Training Webinars and Workshops

a) PowerTeacher Grade Book Workshop
This workshop will cover basic PowerSchool and PowerTeacher functionality such as taking attendance, creating assignments, entering assignment grades, working with categories/groups, printing reports, final grade setup/weights, etc.

Classes will be held at NCDPI in Raleigh.

Dates and Times:
Thursday, August 14 (10 a.m. – 4 p.m.)
Friday, August 15 (10 a.m. – 4 p.m.)
Friday, September 19 (10 a.m. – 4 p.m.)
Monday, November 3 (10 a.m. – 4 p.m.)

Registration link:  \url{http://www.timetosignup.com/powerschooltraining/folder/1905}

b) Standards-Based Grading and Reporting Webinar

This webinar will demonstrate how standards should look in the PowerTeacher grade book once the 2014-15 standards spreadsheet has been loaded in PowerSchool, discuss various grading scenarios, and preview the new standards-based report card template.

Date, Time and Registration Link:

- Friday, August 15 (1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.)
  \url{https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/285389529}

c) Nurses Module Webinar

This webinar will include demonstrations on how to enter immunizations, health screens, incident screening, medication and office visit information as well as instructions on how to generate reports.
Date and Time:
Tuesday, August 19 (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)

Registration link:  https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/381216368

d) SAR Webinar
This webinar will discuss SAR policy, fatal errors and exceptions, and PowerSchool functionality as needed.

Dates, Times and Registration Links:

- Tue, Aug 19, 2014 1:00 p.m.
  o  https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/867816161
- Mon, Sep 15, 2014 10:00 a.m.
  o  https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/116684944
- Thu, Oct 9, 2014 10:00 a.m.
  o  https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/214930640

e) PMR Webinar
This webinar will discuss PMR in PowerSchool - how to run as well as how to clean up data in PowerSchool.

Dates, Times and Registration Links:

- Wed, Aug 20, 2014 1:00 p.m.
  o  https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/975537016
- Wed, Sep 24, 2014 1:00 p.m.
  o  https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/987582217

f) Dropout Reporting Webinar (change in date – Aug. 27 replaces previous Sept. 10 date)

This webinar will discuss Dropout Reporting in PowerSchool – how to run the reports as well as how to enter/clean up data.

Dates, Times and Registration Links:

- Wed, August 27, 2014 1:00 p.m.
  o  https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/390952561
- Thu, Sep 4, 2014 9:00 a.m.
  o  https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/281175160

g) PowerSchool New User Workshop (School/Admin Level)
This workshop is geared to new PowerSchool users working at the data manager/school administrator level with day-to-day school business – This is NOT teacher training. Attendees must be an employee of the school and not a management company.
Classes will be held at NCDPI in Raleigh.

**Dates and Times:**

- September 2 – 5 (9 a.m. – 4 p.m.)
- September 8 – 11 (9 a.m. – 4 p.m.)


**h) Discipline Incidents in PowerSchool Webinar**

This webinar will demonstrate how to enter disciplinary incidents into the PowerSchool application.

**Dates, Times and Registration Links:**

- Fri, Sep 5, 2014 1:00 p.m.
  - [https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/229609625](https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/229609625)
- Fri, Sep 19, 2014 9:00 a.m.
  - [https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/416979905](https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/416979905)
- Mon, Nov 17, 2014 1:00 p.m.
  - [https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/558287457](https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/558287457)

**i) ALP/ALS in PowerSchool Webinar (See dates and time changes)**

This webinar will discuss policy and functionality in PowerSchool as related to students in Alternative Learning Programs and/or Alternative Learning Schools.

**Dates, Times and Registration Links:**

- Thursday, Sep 11, 2014 10:00 a.m.
  - [https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/707367440](https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/707367440)
- Wednesday, Sep 17, 2014 1:00 p.m.
  - [https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/818096513](https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/818096513)

**j) End of Term Process in PowerSchool Webinar**

This webinar will cover the End of Term Process and how to prepare for the end of the marking period.

**Dates, Times and Registration Links:**

- Fri, Oct 17, 2014 9:00 a.m.
  - [https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/153748801](https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/153748801)
- Thu, Oct 23, 2014 1:00 p.m.
  - [https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/218332281](https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/218332281)

**k) Mid-year Graduates in PowerSchool Webinar**

This webinar will discuss the process for handling records of students graduating mid-year.
Dates, Times and Registration Links:

- Thu, Dec 4, 2014 1:00 p.m.  
  o https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/204543489
- Tue, Dec 16, 2014 9:00 a.m.  
  o https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/366059760
- Tue, Jan 13, 2015 9:00 a.m.  
  o https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/444470360

5. Call for UAB Agenda Items

The next NC SIS User Advisory Board meeting will be held Thursday, August 21 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Please submit all agenda items to ncsis@dpi.nc.gov by Friday, August 15. We will be limiting the agenda items covered during the UAB meetings to a total of five due to time constraints. We will inform you if we are unable to cover your item during the meeting.

New links were posted for the UAB and CCB meetings last month (July). Please click on the links below to register if you did not register last month. Once registered, your registration will be good for all meetings scheduled through December 18. We encourage all attendees to register even if you plan to attend in person.

UAB Meetings: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/225223729

CCB Meetings: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/371722000

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