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

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1. Attendance Tracking and Storing Grades – Tips and Tricks Webinar

Please mark your calendars! The NCDPI Home Base Team and Pearson will be hosting a webinar on Attendance Tracking along with an update on Storing Grades – Tips and Tricks. The webinar will take place Tuesday, December 10 from 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. A link to register will be made available on Monday, December 9, for those who are interested in attending.

For those who are unable to attend, no worries; the webinar will be recorded and posted to the NC SIS website’s Recordings page (http://www.nc-sis.org/recordings.html).

2. Home Base Maintenance Weekend

The next Home Base maintenance weekend will take place December 13 – 16, 2013. The system will shut down on Friday, December 6 at 5 p.m. Once maintenance is completed a message will be sent to notify users that the system is up and available for use. **Please do not access Home Base during the maintenance period.**

Several updates are planned for the December 13 -16 maintenance weekend. These updates include PMR, AIG and SAR data collections as well as other miscellaneous enhancements. You may view the changes in the 2013 North Carolina Release Notes that are attached to this document for details.
Home Base will be returned to service no later than 6 a.m., Monday, December 16. If a delay in bringing up the system should occur, users will be notified via NC SIS email.

3. Call for UAB Agenda Items

The next NC SIS User Advisory Board meeting will be held Thursday, December 19 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Please submit all agenda items to ncsis@dpi.nc.gov by Tuesday, December 17, 2013. 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.

If you did not register for the previously held meetings, please click on the following link to register and attend the meeting via GoTo Webinar: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/840838032. We encourage all attendees to register even if you plan to attend in person.

4. Gradebook Webinar

Please note the change below and forward to the appropriate staff.

The topic for next week's Home Base webinar has changed due to popular demand from Open Class to PowerSchool.

Date: Thursday, December 12th  
Time: 3:30 - 5:30 PM  
Audience: Teachers, Data Managers, LEA Coordinators, Curriculum Staff  
Title: PowerTeacher Grade Book: Set-up and Operation

Description: This session is designed to help teachers set up and understand how to use the Power Teacher Grade Book. It will focus on the step by step instructions on how to setup your gradebook, using both the grade setup tab and other setup needed for the gradebook to calculate correctly.

Other Topics:
- Using Total Points or Category Weights? N1, Q1, T1 etc.
- Setting up your Term Weights S1, S2, E1 and F1 grades
- Do you round or truncate?
- When do I need to recalculate the final grades?
- What do I need to do when it is time to submit my grades for report cards?

Facilitators: Lynn Bullock, Pearson; Rosalyn Galloway, DPI

Link to Register: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/728404304

5. Emergency Maintenance
Please see the message below from Pearson and forward to the appropriate staff.

*PowerSchool Software as a Service, Friday night maintenance 12/6/13*

Pearson Hosting Operations will be performing network maintenance on Friday evening December 6, 2013 starting at 7PM ET and ending at 10PM ET for the Pearson hosted PowerSchool instances. This maintenance will consist of a firewall switchover. PowerSchool Software as a Service customers may experience a brief outage during the maintenance window while the maintenance is performed. Any outage should not last longer than half an hour for any customer affected. We do not anticipate any prolonged outages. We apologize for the short notice.

This maintenance does not affect Pearson hosted PowerSchool customers in Canada.

6. New Documents on the Web

UAB and CCB Recordings for November 14, 2013
http://www.nc-sis.org/meetings.html

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