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**

Pearson promoted the following updates and fixes into the PowerSchool application this weekend.

- Course Sync (Updated EC processes to now include the CREDIT HOURS and ADDED VALUE course attributes)
- PS Home Page (State-Wide Student Search – Updated to properly display SCHOOL and DISTRICT information)
- NC Report Card (Changed the teacher comment section to select a single historical grade record to resolve the issue where a student takes the same course more than once in the same term and grades do not print)

If you have any problems or questions concerning these recent updates and fixes, please contact the Home Base Support Center at [homebase.incidents@its.nc.gov](mailto:homebase.incidents@its.nc.gov).

2. **Home Base Maintenance Weekend**

The next Home Base maintenance weekend will take place Friday, February 7 – 10, 2014. The system will shut down on Friday, February 7 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.
Home Base will be returned to service no later than 6 a.m., Monday, February 10. If a delay in bringing up the system should occur, users will be notified via NC SIS email.

Revisions to the North Carolina State Setup Guide will be included in this weekend’s maintenance. Other important changes or fixes will include PMR, SAR, AIG and Dropout Data Collection and Validations updates; miscellaneous enhancements; and updates to the Extended Schema Definitions. Please review the “2014 North Carolina Release Notes” attached to this message for detailed descriptions of updates. Also attached is the “Whats New 7.10” document which identifies key features and enhancements for PowerSchool 7.10 and below.

3. Scheduling Workshops

Please review the NC SIS Training Calendar (http://www.nc-sis.org/calendar_February.html) and Course List Page (http://www.nc-sis.org/course_list.html) frequently for updates to the Prepare to Build Workshops and the (2 Day) Load Only Process Workshops. Some sessions that were previously closed have been reopened due to cancellations. You may review the lists below for currently available sessions. If you are interested in attending any of these sessions, please contact Wendy Hinson at wendy.hinson@dpi.nc.gov or Sue Ann Stalnaker at sueann.stalnaker@dpi.nc.gov.

**Load Only Process (2 Day)**
- Feb 06-07 Lenoir – 3 seats available
- Feb 06-07 Wilkes – 1 seat available
- Feb 06-07 Haywood – 2 seats available
- Feb 13-14 McDowell – 3 seats available
- Feb 27-28 Cleveland – 4 seats available
- Feb 27-28 Columbus – 4 seats available
- April 14-15 Montgomery – 15 seats available

**Prepare to Build Workshops**
- Feb 10-12 McDowell – 2 seats available
- Feb 10-12 Edgecombe – 1 seat available
- Feb 24-26 Columbus – 8 seats available
- Feb 24-26 Cleveland – 6 seats available

4. 2014 Home Base Symposium Program Booklet

The 2014 Home Base Symposium Program Booklet which includes this year’s speakers, presenters, course list and master schedule has been posted to the NC SIS website’s Symposium page (http://www.nc-sis.org/symposium14.html). Please feel free to use this booklet to plan your schedule prior to attending the symposium. You may download the booklet by clicking on the following link: http://www.nc-sis.org/Documents/symp_2014/14_HB_Sym_Program_1_31_14.pdf.

If you have questions pertaining to the schedule or courses, please contact Terra Dominguez at terra.dominguez@dpi.nc.gov.
5. Extension of Early Registration Fee for 2014 Home Base Symposium

The Home Base Symposium team has extended the early registration deadline ($115 fee) to **Friday, February 7, 2014** as a result of last week's inclement weather. Please inform your staff and others who may be interested in attending the Symposium of this change in date. Any registration fees postmarked after Feb. 7 are subject to the late registration fee of $250.

Remember, registrations are not complete until payment and a copy of the completed registration form are received at NCDPI. Payment and forms should be mailed to: **NC Department of Public Instruction, Cash Collections, 6336 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-6336**. Checks should be payable to NCDPI Cash Collections.


**Note:** Processing of payments once received at NCDPI can take up to 10 working days. Please review the registrant list periodically for updates at [http://www.nc-sis.org/symposium14.html](http://www.nc-sis.org/symposium14.html).

Questions pertaining to the Symposium may be addressed to Terra Dominguez at terra.dominguez@dpi.nc.gov. Questions pertaining to registration and payment may be addressed to Yolanda Wilson at yolanda.wilson@dpi.nc.gov.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2014 Home Base Symposium!

6. PowerSchool Calendar Changes

Please read and forward to the appropriate staff the attachment, North Carolina Calendar Changes in PS – LEA. This document includes instructions on how to adjust your school calendar during the school year to account for missed school days. Please be aware this process involves updates made by the LEA and NCDPI; therefore, once your updates are complete, please submit a ticket to the Home Base Support Center ([homebase.incidents@its.nc.gov](mailto:homebase.incidents@its.nc.gov)) to notify us that you are ready for NCDPI to complete their part of the calendar update process.

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