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2017 Home Base Symposium - Early Registration Ends Today!

The 2017 Home Base Symposium's early registration deadline ends today, **February 10, 2017**. If you have not already sent your payment, please make sure it is postmarked by the end of today!

A recent [Registrant List](#) was run and posted today. Please check this list periodically to see if your payment has been received. To find out more information, visit the NC SIS website's [2017 Home Base Symposium page](#).



Highlights for the Symposium

Keynote Speaker

State Superintendent Mark Johnson will be the keynote speaker at this year's Home Base Symposium, Feb. 22-24, at the Sheraton Greensboro at Four Seasons/Koury Convention Center. Superintendent Johnson will speak during the conference general session, scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 22 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

PowerTeacher Pro: PowerSchool's World-leading Gradebook

PowerTeacher Pro is coming to NC PowerSchool instances, and when it arrives, we want you (teachers, data managers and coordinators) to be prepared!

Sessions covering its many advanced features and robust capabilities will be presented at the 2017 Home Base Symposium. So don't miss this great opportunity to PLUG IN & CONNECT with PowerTeacher Pro.

What separates PowerTeacher Pro from any other gradebook?

Streamlined grading and assignments within this tool empowers teachers to drive student growth by saving countless teacher hours spent elsewhere. Fast and intuitive interfacing also reduces teacher's work. PowerTeacher Pro supports standards based and traditional grading in one comprehensive solution, and it delivers greater flexibility with classroom analysis.

So join us at the 2017 Home Base Symposium and get ahead of the learning curve! [Register Now!](#)

guidebook

Once again, the Home Base Symposium has gone mobile using Guidebook! PLUG IN & CONNECT to Home Base Symposium 2017 using your electronic devices without the hassle of carrying booklets. A complete schedule of sessions and presentations can be downloaded onto your device enabling you to plan your day with a personalized schedule and map. Sessions will be provided to assist those who may need help with the new technology.

The app is compatible with iPhones, iPads, iPod Touches and Android devices. Windows Phone 7 and Blackberry users can access the same information via the [mobile site](#). Make sure you bring your device! We strongly encourage you to download our mobile guide to enhance your experience at the 2017 Home Base Symposium.

To get the guide for your mobile device, choose one of the following methods:

- Download 'Guidebook' from the [Apple App Store](#) or the [Android Marketplace](#).
- Visit <https://guidebook.com/g/2017homebasesymposium/> from your phone's browser.
- Scan the following image with your mobile phone (QR-Code reader required, e.g. 'Red Laser', 'Barcode Scanner')



- From the guidebook application, tap "Download Guides" then "Passphrase".
- Enter the code **hbsym2017** and the guide will download to your device!

If you are only planning to use a laptop and not a mobile device:

Visit <https://guidebook.com/guide/86643/> from your computer's browser.



Home Base Maintenance Weekend - Feb. 10-12, 2017

The next Home Base maintenance weekend is scheduled for Friday, February 10, through Sunday, February 12, 2017. PowerSchool will be taken offline Friday, February 10, at 5 p.m. Schoolnet will have a hotfix released from 6 to 8 p.m., tonight. Truenorthlogic will remain available.

Maintenance is expected to last the full length due to several implementations taking place. Once completed for all systems, a message will be sent to notify users that Home Base is up and available for use. All applications will be returned to service no later than 6 a.m., Monday, February 13. If a delay in bringing up the systems should occur, users will be notified via email.

Included in this maintenance weekend is the deployment of PowerSchool 9.2.4.4, Impact on Client Workstation Security. Please review the [9.2.4.4 Release Notes](#) located on the NC SIS website for details.

Also, the Student UID System will be refreshed with PowerSchool student data during this weekend's maintenance window. The refresh is part of the efforts to resolve duplicate student records that exist in the PowerSchool and Student UID systems, and will ensure that when duplicate student records are identified and resolved, data is reflected similarly in both systems. **Note that during the maintenance window, the Student UID System will be unavailable.**

If you have any questions pertaining to this maintenance weekend, please contact the Home Base Support Center at (919) 807-4357 or submit a ticket through the [Remedy Portal](#)



[PowerSchool Training Needs Assessment Survey](#)

The Home Base Professional Learning Team is planning more training opportunities, and we want to hear from YOU!!!

This survey is designed to identify areas of improvement for training resources available to PowerSchool users. The goals of this effort are to: 1) develop resources that will provide direction on setting priorities and allocate limited resources in order to have the greatest impact, and 2) to create clearer understanding on the alignment of goals, strategies, professional development, and desired outcomes with the instructional strategies associated with the greatest success.

Your district's feedback is very important to us as we plan our calendar training opportunities. So please, click the survey link above and tell us about your training needs.

It's imperative that we reach all users such as coordinators, principals, data managers, counselors, office staff, nurses, testing personnel, special programs and more (other) to complete this survey. Therefore, we are requesting that you share this link with all your district's PowerSchool admin users!

The [PowerSchool Training Needs Assessment Survey](#) will remain open through **Friday, February 17, 2017**, to allow time for distributing to your district's PowerSchool admin users. If you have any questions or need technical assistance with this survey, please contact Cami Narron at cami.narron@dpi.nc.gov, or Tiffany Kinney, tiffany.kinney@dpi.nc.gov.



OCR/CRDC - Phase II Begins

Phase II (LEAs and Charters working on their data in the Federal Submission Portal) will be delayed until February 20, 2017.

An error was discovered in CRDC Student Aggregations by School, Part 2. Part 2, Question 25, 'School Days Missed Due to Out-of-School Suspension' is calculating number of students rather than total days missed. This error will be resolved during the February PowerSchool maintenance weekend. The CRDC Part 2 PowerSchool Preview report will be re-run and achieved by the vendor after the update. **No action is required by LEAs or Charter schools.**

The NC DPI will upload PS data and external data during the week of February 13, 2017. Until the NC DPI upload is complete, LEAs and Charters may log in and create accounts, but should not upload any data. **Do not update or add data until notified by the NC DPI.**

Thank you to all who worked to make this first phase a success..

2017 NC SIS Training Calendar

The [2017 Training Calendar for PowerSchool](#) related training is available on the [NC SIS website](#). To access the calendar, users may click on "Training" located on the blue menu bar and select "Calendar". If you are unable to view the calendar on your first attempt, either refresh the page, clear cache and cookies from the browser and then re-open it, or open the calendar in a different browser.



Training sessions and dates are listed below. Please visit this calendar often for additional training sessions and updates.

Pre-Scheduling Q & A Webinar

Description: 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

March 9, 2017

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Registration URL: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5645891432929024770>

PowerSchool New Charter Setup Q & A Webinar

This webinar will address new charter school setup for the 2017-2018 school year. It will cover what information needs to be collected and completed before attending training at DPI. Time will be given for questions.

Dates/Times

March 22, 2017

10:00 AM. - 11:00 AM

Registration URL:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3306971816299323651>

April 19, 2017

2:00 PM - 3 PM

Registration URL:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1810443032407775235>

PowerSchool New Charter Training

ATTENDEES MUST BE AN EMPLOYEE OF THE SCHOOL AND NOT A MANAGEMENT COMPANY. This is a three and a half day workshop to walk new charter school users through the process of setting up their school for the new year. This session will include, but is not limited to:

- Logging into PowerSchool
- Navigating the system
- Enrolling students
- Withdrawing students
- Adding teachers/staff
- Creating the master schedule

-Scheduling students and teachers to classes

May 23 - May 26, 2017

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (Tues. - Thurs)

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (Fri.)

Registration URL:

<http://bit.ly/PSNewCharter17-18>

Remember to visit the [NC SIS website](#) for additional information including webinars and training documentation.

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