NC SIS Weekly Email Bulletin
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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. Below is a list of what took place.

A) Changes that affect Student Pages – Historical Grades
   1. Enhanced Historical Grades page and added a tool tip “?” (see attachment for tool tip text) next to the Course Number field to explain what happens with Course Name and Number changes (Navigation: Start Page > Student Selection > Historical Grades > Edit Stored Grade)
   2. Added user functionality to perform a UNC MIN update for any student from Historical Grades
   3. Added Legacy Section ID to stored grades page for data entry - needed for future report card functionality)

B) Historical Grades - Added process to auto-restore the Course Number and Course Name to previous values when removed - Course Number is only applicable for legacy values.

C) Data Correction Script - Student Historical Grades - Records with a negative school id now updated to current school for active students or last school for graduated students
Questions pertaining to these updates may be addressed to the Home Base Support Center at homebase.incidents@its.nc.gov.

2. Scheduling Workshops

Please review the NC SIS Training Calendar (http://www.nc-sis.org/calendar_January.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. Please review the lists below for available sessions.

**Load Only Process (2 Day)**
- Jan 16-17  Duplin
- Jan 16-17  Montgomery
- Jan 21-22  Orange
- Jan 30-31  Wilkes – 6 seats available
- Jan 30-31  Randolph – 6 seats available
- Feb 6-7  Davidson
- Feb 13-14  Northampton – 4 seats available
- Feb 13-14  Franklin – 5 seats available
- Feb 27-28  Currituck
- Feb 27-28  Johnston – 5 seats available
- Mar 13-14  Iredell

**Prepare to Build Workshops**
- Jan 13-15  Duplin
- Jan 13-15  Montgomery
- Jan 13-15  Durham
- Jan 22-24  Burke – 6 seats available
- Jan 22-24  Cumberland – 7 seats available
- Feb 3-5  Davidson – 6 seats available
- Feb 10-12  McDowell – 4 seats available

3. 2014 Home Base Symposium Early Registration Fee Deadline

**Hurry!** The deadline for capitalizing on a great fee of $115 to attend the 2014 Home Base Symposium ends January 31, 2014. Any registration fees postmarked after this date 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.

The 2014 Home Base Symposium Registrants List has been updated to show registrants and payment statuses as of January 17, 2014 at approximately 2:15 p.m. Please click on the following link to view your status:  http://www.nc-sis.org/Documents/symp_2014/2014_Symposium_Registrants.pdf.
Note: Processing of payments once received at NCDPI can take up to 10 working days. Please review the registrant list weekly 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 terradominguez@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 soon!

4. Server Restarts

In an effort to proactively prevent performance issues, Pearson will restart servers and reset message queues every Sunday morning from 12:00 a.m. - 4:00 a.m.

5. Race and Ethnicity Correction with Graduated School

Last week Pearson imported additional/missing Race and Ethnicity values for students in the Graduated School. A script was also run to update the student Race/Ethnicity roll up value (Federal Reporting or Scheduling/Reporting Ethnicity field).

Please note: This fix is only for students in the Graduated School. Pearson is aware the issue still remains for currently enrolled students and is working toward a resolution.

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