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

There are no new items for release this week. NCDPI technology resources are focused primarily on preparing for the deployment of PowerSchool 8.1.1 during the February 6 - 8 maintenance weekend. Regression tests are currently being performed on all NC customization features of the software application.

2. 2015 Home Base Symposium Update

The deadline for the $115 registration fee is fast approaching! Make sure your payments are postmarked by January 31, 2015. All registration fees postmarked after this date are $250. Remember, we can only accept checks whether mailing or paying onsite. Payments should be mailed along with your registration form to NCDPI Cash Collections, 6336 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-6336.

The 2015 Home Base Symposium Course List is now available on the NC SIS website’s Symposium page (http://www.nc-sis.org/symposium15.html). This list provides titles and descriptions of all sessions that will be presented at the Symposium. Additional sessions may be added, so please review this list periodically. Once the schedule is finalized with dates and times of classes, a copy will be posted to the NC SIS website as well. Please use these resources to assist in planning your schedule prior to attending the symposium.
The 2015 Home Base Symposium Registrant List has been updated on the NC SIS website at http://www.nc-sis.org/Documents/symp_2015/2015_Symposium_Registrants.pdf. Please review this list to ensure your registration and payment status is correct. Remember, processing of payments once received at NCDPI can take up to 10 working days.

Questions pertaining to Symposium registrations and payments may be addressed to Yolanda Wilson, yolanda.wilson@dpi.nc.gov.

3. PowerSchool Software Has a Service Maintenance 01/24/15

Please read the following Pearson Technote sent on Wednesday, January 21, 2015.

**Pearson Hosting Operations Advisory**

Pearson will be performing network maintenance to upgrade our intrusion detection devices on Saturday January 24, 2015 starting at 12AM ET and ending at 6AM ET. Pearson hosted PowerSchool Software as a Service customers may experience intermittent connectivity during this period. We do not anticipate any prolonged outages, and apologize for the short notice.

Thank you for your time and patience.

4. OCR/CRDC - Update

Dear OCR Coordinators,

The NCDPI would like to express gratitude for your continued support regarding the State Level Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC) Submission Project. As a reminder, beginning with the 2013-14 CRDC collection, the state will submit LEA and charter school data to the Office of Civil Rights (OCR) on behalf of all North Carolina public school districts. Please review this message and forward to any applicable staff.

**Broadcast Messages from the OCR**

Many OCR Coordinators have inquired about messages coming directly from the Office of Civil Rights, questioning their validity. These messages from the OCR are intended to keep national OCR Coordinators aware of launch dates and resources specific to the Federal Portal submission. While these messages are valid, NCDPI requests that NC OCR Coordinators understand that when due dates are provided by both the OCR and NCDPI, the NC OCR coordinators should follow those provided by NCDPI. Please contact Terra Dominguez at terra.domiguez@dpi.nc.gov with any questions or concerns.

**OCR Coordinator Contact List**

Attached with this message are the latest LEA and Charter contact lists. Thank you to all who have submitted updated contacts and corrections. There is a possibility that your contact information may have been omitted when these lists were updated. If that is the case, please contact Terra Dominguez at terra.domiguez@dpi.nc.gov with your corrections. Contact updates will be submitted to the OCR on February 3, 2015. As a reminder, those staff indicated as OCR contacts, as well as Superintendents will receive the initial security accounts to the CRDC Federal Submission Portal. These lists will not be in sync
with those posted on the NC OCR Contact list (http://www.ncpublicschools.org/data/management/ocr/contact/) until the lists can be republished.

**LEAs and Charters who have not run the CRDC PowerSchool Reports**

Attached to this message is a list of LEAs and Charters who have not run the CRDC Part 1 and CRDC Part 2 reports in PowerSchool. As part of the State Level CRDC process, it is imperative that all LEAs and Charters run these reports at the **LEA level** to allow NCDPI access to the data. **Running these reports will become critical after the February 6th PowerSchool Maintenance Weekend.** Moving forward, a list of LEAs and Charters who have not run the CRDC reports (at the LEA level) will be generated each Tuesday morning, and distributed via the NC OCR Coordinators contact list. Please be reminded that the CRDC reports must be re-run each time the software is updated with corrections to the CRDC reports, as well as when any data corrections specific to the CRDC are made within the LEA / Charter instance. Please also be reminded that these reports are available at the school level and can be run at any time to review data at the student record level. If there are technical issues when running these reports, please feel free to contact the Home Base Support Center with any questions or concerns you might have at homebase.incidents@its.nc.gov.

Regards,

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5. **New and Updated Information on the Web** (dates shown beside updated documents are the dates the documents were pulled for updating not the post date).

a) **Grad Plans Phase 2 Webinar**
   [http://www.nc-sis.org/recordings.html](http://www.nc-sis.org/recordings.html)

6. **Upcoming Training Webinars and Workshops**

   a) **PowerSchool Scheduling Q & A Webinar**
   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 and Registration Links**

   - Monday, Jan. 26, 2015   9:00 a.m.  
     [https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/698931216](https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/698931216)

   - Monday, Feb. 2, 2015   9:00 a.m.  
     [https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/823665529](https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/823665529)

   - Monday, Feb 9, 2015   9:00 a.m.  
     [https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/851952321](https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/851952321)
• Monday, Feb 9, 2015  1:00 p.m.  
https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/881559112

• Wednesday, Feb 11, 2015  1:00 p.m.  
https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/569847217

• Friday, Feb 13, 2015  9:00 a.m.  
https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/771960641

• Friday, Feb 13, 2015  1:00 p.m.  
https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/621959601

• Wednesday, March 4, 2015  1:00 p.m.  
https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/810025944

• Wednesday, March 11, 2015  1:00 p.m.  
https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/829296344

• Wednesday, March 18, 2015  1:00 p.m.  
https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/843805984

• Wednesday, March 25, 2015  1:00 p.m.  
https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/866556920

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