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Next Home Base Maintenance Weekend

The next Home Base maintenance weekend is scheduled for today, July 14 through Sunday, July 16, 2017. PowerSchool is the only Home Base application scheduled for maintenance.

The system will be brought down Friday at 5 p.m. and returned to service no later than Monday, July 17 at 6 a.m. Once maintenance is completed, a message will be sent to notify users that the system is up and available for use. If there is a delay in bringing up the PowerSchool application, users will be notified.

This maintenance period will include a major PowerSchool upgrade from version 9.2.4 to version 10.1.3. New features will include the implementation of PowerTeacher Pro for cohort I districts,

Enterprise Reporting, PowerSchool SIS/PowerSchool Registration Signature Integration, PowerSchool SIS/PowerSchool Assessment and Analytics Integration, PowerSchool API, Graduation Planner Enhancements, Miscellaneous Enhancements, and Mobile App Enhancements.

PowerTeacher Pro, the primary new feature, is the next generation gradebook. It combines intuitive user interface with robust functionality for standards-based grading and traditional grading. To read more about PowerTeacher Pro and other enhancements provided in this upgrade, link to the [PowerSchool 10.0 Release Notes](#) and the [PowerSchool 10.1.3 Release Notes](#) posted on the [NC SIS Release Highlights](#) page. Also, don't forget to check out the [PowerTeacher Pro Resources](#) for teachers and administrators.

NC State Reporting Release 17.5.0.3.0 is scheduled for deployment in this weekend's maintenance period. This release includes the implementation of PowerSchool State Reporting Online Documentation. Yes, state reporting documentation will be available in one searchable online space. For more information on this new feature, link to the [North Carolina State Reporting 2017 Q2 Release Notes](#) updated on May 26, 2017.

Returning EDDIE to Full Service - Friday, July 14

The Educational Directory and Demographical Information Exchange (EDDIE) Feed will be returned to service today, July 14 at approximately 5 p.m. All changes made in PowerSchool prior to EOY and after the EDDIE feed was disabled must be updated in EDDIE. If not, these changes will be overwritten by what is in EDDIE since it is the authoritative source.



Back to School Tips

As you prepare to return back to school, remember to review the quick reference document, [Common PowerSchool Start of Year Issues](#). In it you will find reference materials and tips that are useful in answering common start up questions.

Reminder: Check Plugins Prior to PowerSchool 10 Upgrade

Prior to the implementation of PowerSchool 10, districts are reminded to check with their third-party vendors and confirm that any third-party applications in use will work with version 10.1.3 of PowerSchool.

NCDPI cannot guarantee that all plug-ins will work. Should a district encounter problems with page displays, for example, once the upgrade has been implemented, please give consideration to any and all plug-ins that have been installed as you begin troubleshooting the



issue. As of late, noted issues with several plug-ins, reports or queries have been shared amongst districts. You may consider disabling your plug-ins prior to the upgrade as a precaution.

We look forward to moving to this release of PowerSchool and hope you have a great start to the school year.



New Information on the Web

[Understanding Standards Based Grading Webinar - 06/23/2017](#)

[Post EOY Start of School Check-in - 07/14/2017](#)



NCDPI's Technology Support Center's Knowledge Base

LEA/Charter School coordinators, data managers and staff that use or support the Home Base suite of tools can access the Technology Support Center's Knowledge Base. Inside is an extensive library of resources available to users 24/7.

Our knowledge base includes:

- Knowledge Base Articles, 'How To' Guides
- FAQ's, Quick Reference Documents
- Tips, Hints and More!
- Links to other support resources - e.g., NC-SIS webpage and PowerSource

Users can request access at: <http://servicedesk.ncdpi.wikispaces.net/home>

Knowledge Base Quick Reference Doc at: <http://bit.ly/HomeBaseKB>

Check back often - New resources added regularly!

2017 NC SIS Summer Training Calendar

The Home Base Professional Learning Team is pleased to announce additional PowerSchool summer trainings for the 2017-18 school year. The audience for each session is based on user roles.



The PowerSchool sessions listed below are also posted on the NC SIS website's [Training Calendar](#). Please review these pages frequently for PowerSchool training schedule changes or additional trainings for September 2017 - June 2018.

Hands-on training sessions will be held at the NC Department of Public Instruction, 301 N. Wilmington Street, Room 564, Raleigh, NC, unless stated otherwise. Click [HERE](#) for directions to NCDPI and parking information. All attendees must be an employee of the NC Public School System to participate. Management companies are not permitted to attend.

Registration links are provided below. Please try to register early for workshops due to space limitations.

Note: All registration information is subject to the North Carolina Public Records Law.

Upcoming Webinars

PowerSchool - Beginning of Year/First Ten Days

This webinar will focus on (but not limited to), the Daily Headcount Adjustment – First 10 days of School including verifying enrollments, the No-Show process, running attendance rosters in PTG, PT Pro and PowerSchool system report “Class Roster PDF”.

Dates, Times and Registration Link:

Tuesday, August 15

1:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Registration: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9028726976269717762>

Friday, August 18

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Registration: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1259847194753453058>

PowerSchool - Managing Daily Attendance

Learn how to view, record and modify Daily Attendance data for students at your school. Focus on finding teachers who haven't taken attendance, running absentee reports and reviewing how to update attendance in a variety of ways. Will include searching for students with chronic attendance problems.

Date, Time and Registration Link:

Wednesday, August 23

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Registration : <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3756705060526640643>

PowerSchool - Managing Meeting Attendance

Learn how to view, record and modify Meeting Attendance data for students at your school. Focus on finding teachers who haven't taken attendance, running absentee reports and reviewing how to update attendance in a variety of ways. Will include searching for students with chronic attendance problems.

Date, Time and Registration Link:

Thursday, August 24

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Registration:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1058649761011051011>

PowerSchool/NC Reports Overview

Learn about PowerSchool/NC reports you will use throughout the year. Practice setting up and creating various system reports using some basic PowerSchool codes and HTML codes. Featured reports include but are not limited to System Reports, State Reporting Dashboard reports, and NCDPI reports.

Dates, Times and Registration Link:

Tuesday, August 22

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Registration: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2448628171588848386>

Walk-in Schedule/Audit Reports

This webinar will focus on scheduling new students or making manual student schedule changes after the start of the current term. It features some of the more useful North Carolina Audit reports.

Date, time and Registration Link:

Tuesday, August 15

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Registration: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8937674219350590465>

Upcoming Training Workshops for PowerSchool

New User Training (2 day workshop) Full

This two day workshop is suited for new PowerSchool users (new to PowerSchool) working with day-to-day school business at the data manager/school administrator level. This workshop is available to new elementary, middle, and high school users. It is NOT teacher training. Attendees must be an employee of the school and not a management company.

This session will include, but is not limited to:

1. Logging in to PowerSchool
2. Navigating the system
3. Enrolling students
4. Withdrawing students
5. Attendance
6. Adding Teachers/Staff
7. Adding or changing course sections
8. Scheduling students and teachers to classes
9. PMR Overview
10. SAR Overview

Date: August 9-10 **(Full)**

New Coordinators Training

This two day workshop is for new PowerSchool coordinators who have not attended the 5 day IPT Certification training or the 8 day District Certification training. It is designed to give new coordinators

some training on certain topics provided in these PowerSchool trainings. This is NOT an extension of the 5 day IPT or 8 day District certification sessions.

Sessions will include, but are not limited to:

1. Basic Navigation
2. Security
3. School Setup
4. State Reporting Overview
5. Reports
6. Data Extraction
7. Record Maintenance
8. Resources

Date: July 17-18

Registration: <http://bit.ly/PSNewCoordRegister2017>

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

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