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
   The following items will be promoted into PowerSchool this weekend. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Home Base Support Center at homebase.incidents@its.nc.gov.

   a) Athletic Eligibility:
      1) NC Student Pages
         i. Updating page to resolve a bug caused by schools with apostrophes in the name.
      2) School Settings
         i. Updating page to work properly with charter schools using non-numeric district numbers.
      3) Scholar Athlete Team Report
         i. Removing hard coded testing school number from the report and updating to use current school where report is being run.

   b) CFDC Plugin:
      1) Targeted Assistance Schools (TAS)
         i. Updating to show TAS closed message.
         ii. Updating to show TAS school qualification information.
         iii. Updating school summary to show an entry for each qualified TAS school.
      2) School Improvement Grants (SIG)
         i. Opening the new reporting year.

2. Class Rosters’ Corrections in Schoolnet
The Home Base Support Center received tickets from LEAs concerning class roster issues. After working with Pearson, we received the following information.

Pearson implemented optimizations to the ETL process on Monday of this week to address issues causing the ETL process to fail over the weekend. During optimization efforts to streamline Section_result (which returns all active students' current enrollment record and prior enrollments such as transfers) it produced inaccurate results.

This issue did not surface upon initial testing of the changes. During diagnoses of the issue it was noticed that the ETL query for Section_result was incorrect. This query has been corrected.

Resolution: Nightly processes have been corrected. Cubes/reporting/etc. are being refreshed to ensure all data displays correctly.

3. Call for UAB Agenda Items
The next NC SIS User Advisory Board meeting will be held Thursday, March 19 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Please submit all agenda items to Helena Coston, helena.coston@dpi.nc.gov by Friday, March 13. We will be limiting the agenda items covered during the UAB meetings to a total of five due to time constraints. You will be informed if we are unable to cover your item during the meeting.

Please click on the links below to register if you have not attended a meeting since Dec. 2014. Once registered, your registration will be good for all meetings scheduled through June 18. We encourage all attendees to register even if you plan to attend in person.

UAB Meetings: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/870005865
CCB Meetings: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/471976017

A complete listing of all UAB and CCB meetings is located at http://www.nc-sis.org/meetings.html.

4. Maintenance Weekend for March 2015
The next Home Base maintenance weekend is scheduled for Friday, March 13 through Monday, March 16. The system will shut down Friday 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 morning. If a delay in bringing up the system should occur, users will be notified via NC SIS email.


5. New and Updated Documents on the Web
- 2015 Home Base Symposium Presentations
  http://www.nc-sis.org/symposium.presentation.15.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
   - 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

   b) Preparing for the CRDC
   This hour and half webinar is intended for OCR coordinators, NC SIS coordinators and any staff who are involved in the Office of Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC).

   Dates, Times and Registration Link
   - Tuesday: Mar 10, 2015
   - Thursday: Mar 12, 2015
   - Tuesday: Mar 17, 2015
   - Thursday: Mar 19, 2015
   - Tuesday: Mar 24, 2015
   - Thursday: Mar 26, 2015
   - Tuesday: Mar 31, 2015
   - Tuesday: Apr 02, 2015

   Link: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/8878858025450231297

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