



NC SIS Weekly Email Bulletin

This NC SIS Weekly Email Bulletin highlights issues and announcements that were communicated to users this week. It also features late-breaking and recurring news about NC SIS (PowerSchool).

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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. State Compliance Reporting
 - 1) Retention/Promotion Report – Updating screen to show new deadline date of October 30, 2015.
 - 2) Dropout Reporting – Updating to show new deadline date of October 28, 2015 (See item #3 below.)
- B. Student Data
 - 1) Applying script to update Current Year Re-enrollment records where School Number is invalid (0 or 999999) to the local district FTE School Number. This script will allow users to edit Re-enrollment records and save changes. It is also needed for processing Read-To-Achieve and will be set to run weekly.
- C. New sqlReport4
 - 1) Student Testing Score Roster
 - 2) Exempt Year 1 – WAPT
 - 3) Students with Retained Reading Code (RRED)
- D. NC LEP/WAPT/ACCESS Administration
 - 1) Updating the LEP nightly process to resolve issues stemming from duplicate records that appeared prior to nightly processing.
- E. State Compliance Reporting (SRC) Patches (Emergency maintenance is required. See item #2 for more details.)
 - 1) Updating specific installation files to once again alter **RP exception 6** rules in the SRC October release.

- 2) Updating specific installation files to alter **RP exception 7** rules in the current SRC October release. Updating to add a check in this exception for students with Exit Codes of DEM so users will know if they need to add a valid Promotion Status Reason/Code.
- 3) Updating the Dropout calculation to exclude the EXPL students.

2. Emergency PowerSchool Maintenance

There will be an emergency maintenance period this weekend from 11 p.m. Saturday, October 24 until 2 a.m. Sunday, October 25. All PowerSchool instances will be unavailable at this time. This maintenance is necessary for deploying the State Compliance Reporting patches listed above in item #1E.

3. Extending Dropout State Reporting Due Date

The Dropout Collection End date has been extended from today, October 23 to Wednesday, October 28. Please make a note of this change and inform those within your LEA or charter who may be affected.

4. Closing Remedy Ticket for Former IAM Issue

LEA Coordinators:

Over the October Maintenance Weekend (Oct 16 - 18, 2015), PowerSchool Software as a Service applied an update to PowerSchool version 8.3.0.1 for all districts that had not opted out of the IAM Service for both admin and teacher users (at least one group still in IAM). This update included the most recent fix to the IAM/PowerSchool integration issue. The fix has proven to be effective in dramatically reducing the number of errors experienced by PowerSchool users.

As a response to this update, the Home Base Support Center (HBSC) will be closing the Remedy tickets opened to document the IAM issue. We ask that if you continue to experience issues with the integration to please open a new Remedy ticket to assist with the continued documentation of this resolution.

We thank you for your patience as we continue to work with both vendors, ID Auto and PowerSchool, to resolve this issue completely.

5. Important Due Dates

Please be reminded of the following reporting end dates.

- Dropout Data Collection - Wednesday, October 28, 2015
- Retention/Promotion Collection – Friday, October 30, 2015
- Annual October 1 LEP Headcount in PowerSchool – Friday, October 30, 2015

6. Upcoming Training Webinars and Workshops

a) AIG Policy, Functionality and Head Count Review

This webinar will cover the AIG Policy, Functionality and Head Count. Topics of discussion will include but are not limited to:

- Review of security roles
- Discuss modifying student records within the LEA
- Review new changes and record view that happened with EOY process
- Review Phase II functionality - specifically to address questions regarding running the reports
- Review accessing student lists (steps to follow to get an accurate list of students)
- Clear steps for verifying information for headcount (will be pulled on November 30)

Date, Time and Registration Link

Tuesday, November 10, 2015

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

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6762038662296929537>

b) Athletic Eligibility in PowerSchool

This webinar will demonstrate the new Athletic Eligibility functionality in PowerSchool. The webinar will be recorded and posted to the www.nc-sis.org website.

Dates and Registration Links:

Wednesday, December 16, 2015

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

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5596764144575527937>

Thursday, May 26, 2016

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

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2653270361947006210>

c) Attendance Tracking and Notification

This webinar will cover the setup process for attendance tracking in PowerSchool. Topics will include LEA and School Setup, Running of Reports and Methods for generating letters from PowerSchool.

Date, Time and Registration Link

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4969814917481453313>

d) End of Term Process in PowerSchool

This webinar will cover the End of Term Process and how to prepare for the end of the marking period. The tasks covered include running grade verification reports, storing grades and running the NC Report Card.

Date, Time and Registration Link

Tuesday, October 27, 2015

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5256212407749930241>

Monday, November 30, 2015

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

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5413993426183098113>

e) PowerSchool Q & A

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, October 21, 2015

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5587566729455331585>

Tuesday, December 15, 2015

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5771468845293949953>

Thursday, January 14, 2016

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5357317999483246594>

Thursday, February 18, 2016

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

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8322180790944779522>

Thursday, March 10, 2016

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

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1805276417069994754>

Monday, March 28, 2016

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

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2758246234607665410>

Wednesday, April 13, 2016

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

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3271220086011695874>

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

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

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7882350851067114498>

Friday, June 10, 2016

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

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3370667614209404161>

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

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

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6209691299522393089>

Thursday, June 16, 2016

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

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8912773566200419841>

Monday, June 20, 2016

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

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3112422019658833921>

Thursday, June 23, 2016

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

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8078778603369568001>

Thursday, June 23, 2016

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4978574726971441921>

- f) **School Activity Report Webinar** - Postponed until after October maintenance weekend. This webinar will discuss SAR policy, fatal errors and exceptions, and PowerSchool functionality as needed. It will be recorded and posted to <http://www.nc-sis.org/recordings.html>.

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