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 were promoted into PowerSchool over this past weekend or shortly thereafter. If you have any questions or concerns about these items, please contact the Home Base Support Center at homebase.incidents@its.nc.gov.

1) Standards-Based Report Card

2) Refreshed CFDC Plugin (This affected Homeless, School Improvement Grants (SIG) and Targeted Assistance Schools (TAS))
   a) Changed “Approved by User Name” to “Last Name, First Name Middle” for consistency with PowerSchool’s convention.
   b) Detailed pages for TAS and Homeless are now showing in the top frame.
   c) Added sqlReports to provide users with a CFDC student roster view per school year for CFDC clusters.
   d) Modified Homeless to provide editing and viewing capabilities of 2013-14 data in the 2014-15 school year.
   e) Provided a custom package to properly enable the download of CSV files (ExportSIG.csv)
f) Modified TAS to provide editing and viewing capabilities of 2013-14 data in the 2014-15 school year.

3) Automated Weekly Data Update Scripts to run each Sunday at 5:00 p.m.
   a) Update of Student Historical Grades with a grade of “P” are set to be excluded from the GPA calculation
   b) Update of Student Enrollment History to change any invalid School Numbers to the local FTE School number
   c) Update of Student Scheduling/Reporting (Roll-up) Ethnicity based on the students’ current race value
   d) Update of Staff Reporting (Roll-up) Ethnicity based on the Staff members’ current race values

2. Call for UAB Agenda Items

The next NC SIS User Advisory Board meeting will be held Thursday, September 18 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Please submit all agenda items to ncsis@dpi.nc.gov by Friday, September 12. We will be limiting the agenda items covered during the UAB meetings to a total of five due to time constraints. We will inform you if we are unable to cover your item during the meeting.

If you have not registered to attend the UAB and/or CCB meetings since June, please click on the links below to do so. Once registered, your registration will be good for all meetings scheduled through December 18. We encourage all attendees to register even if you plan to attend in person.

UAB Meetings: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/225223729
CCB Meetings: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/371722000

3. PowerSchool Instance Restarts

In an effort to proactively prevent performance issues, Pearson has resumed their window of weekly restarts for PowerSchool instances every Friday between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 3:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

If you have any concerns pertaining to these weekly restarts, please contact the Home Base Support Center at homebase.incidents@its.nc.gov.

4. Home Base Maintenance Weekend for September 2014

The next Home Base maintenance weekend is scheduled for Friday, September 19 through Monday, September 22. 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, September 22. If a delay in bringing up the system should occur, users will be notified via NC SIS email.
5. New and Updated Information on the Web

a) Dropout Presentation 09/02/2014

b) Enhancement Request and Customizations as of 08/29/2014
   http://www.nc-sis.org/enhancements.html

c) List of NCDPI Users with Security Rights as of 08/15/2014
   http://www.nc-sis.org/Documents/communications/list/Current_DPI_Users_81514.pdf

d) NC Customization: NC Standards-Based Report Card Guide as of 08/29/2014

e) NCDPI Standards Spreadsheet as of 08/27/2014
   http://www.nc-sis.org/standardbasedreportcard.html

f) Teacher User Guide for Standards Based Grading

6. Upcoming Training Webinars and Workshops

a) Dropout Reporting Webinar

This webinar will discuss Dropout Reporting in PowerSchool – how to run the reports as well as how to enter/clean up data.

Dates, Times and Registration Links:

- Thu, Sep 4, 2014 9:00 a.m.
  https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/281175160

b) Discipline Incidents in PowerSchool Webinar

This webinar will demonstrate how to enter disciplinary incidents into the PowerSchool application.

Dates, Times and Registration Links:

- Fri, Sep 5, 2014 1:00 p.m.
  - https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/229609625

- Fri, Sep 19, 2014 9:00 a.m.
  - https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/416979905

- Mon, Nov 17, 2014 1:00 p.m.
  - https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/558287457

c) PowerSchool New User Workshop (School/Admin Level)

This workshop is geared to new PowerSchool users working at the data manager/school administrator
level with day-to-day school business – This is NOT teacher training. Attendees must be an employee of the school and not a management company.

Classes will be held at NCDPI in Raleigh.

**Dates and Times**

- September 8 – 11 (9 a.m. – 4 p.m.)


d) ALP/ALS in PowerSchool Webinar

This webinar will discuss policy and functionality in PowerSchool as related to students in Alternative Learning Programs and/or Alternative Learning Schools.

**Dates, Times and Registration Links:**

- Thursday, Sep 11, 2014 10:00 a.m.
  - [https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/707367440](https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/707367440)
- Wednesday, Sep 17, 2014 1:00 p.m.
  - [https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/818096513](https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/818096513)

e) SAR Webinar

This webinar will discuss SAR policy, fatal errors and exceptions, and PowerSchool functionality as needed.

**Dates, Times and Registration Links:**

- Mon, Sep 15, 2014 10:00 a.m.
  - [https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/116684944](https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/116684944)
- Thu, Oct 9, 2014 10:00 a.m.
  - [https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/214930640](https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/214930640)

f) PowerTeacher Grade Book Workshop

This workshop will cover basic PowerSchool and PowerTeacher functionality such as taking attendance, creating assignments, entering assignment grades, working with categories/groups, printing reports, final grade setup/weights, etc.

Classes will be held at NCDPI in Raleigh.

**Dates and Times:**

- Friday, September 19 (10 a.m. – 4 p.m.)
- Monday, November 3 (10 a.m. – 4 p.m.)

g) PMR Webinar
This webinar will discuss PMR in PowerSchool - how to run as well as how to clean up data in PowerSchool.

Dates, Times and Registration Links:

- Wed, Sep 24, 2014 1:00 p.m.
  - https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/987582217

h) End of Term Process in PowerSchool Webinar
This webinar will cover the End of Term Process and how to prepare for the end of the marking period.

Dates, Times and Registration Links:

- Fri, Oct 17, 2014 9:00 a.m.
  - https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/153748801
- Thu, Oct 23, 2014 1:00 p.m.
  - https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/218332281

i) Mid-year Graduates in PowerSchool Webinar
This webinar will discuss the process for handling records of students graduating mid-year.

Dates, Times and Registration Links:

- Thu, Dec 4, 2014 1:00 p.m.
  - https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/204543489
- Tue, Dec 16, 2014 9:00 a.m.
  - https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/366059760
- Tue, Jan 13, 2015 9:00 a.m.
  - https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/444470360

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