



# The Future is Here!



Its suitcase was packed. The final goodbyes were given. But it's not certain whether or not SIMS was told it would be missed. Either way, its departure is official and many were on hand to see it off.

On February 27, the final physical conversion activities to NC WISE's Wave 3 Year 2 schools wrapped up, with Guilford County Schools, being the last LEA to come on board. Wave 3 Year 2 included: 38 LEAs across the state, 21 charters equaling 790 schools and 422,000 students converted to NC WISE.

NC WISE will exist in all 115 LEAs in the state, however Wake County and Charlotte Mecklenburg schools are being brought on board via a data migration effort, which is expected to be complete by June 2009.

According to NC WISE Project Manager Skip Neal, many challenges were faced by the LEAs and DPI, but all were overcome through team work and perseverance.

"It is extremely rewarding to see the completion of this very large, state-wide NC WISE implementation. Each and every member of all of these teams needs to be very proud of this significant accomplishment. I am especially proud of the efforts put forth by the teams in this last Wave, which was the largest of all. Over half of the schools were converted during this wave in 2008-09," Neal said. "Now is the time to take pride in a job well done, but, also look forward to all of the new opportunities that a state-wide information source will provide every educator in North Carolina."

Final numbers associated with the deployment completion are as follows:

- LEAs:** 115
- Total Schools:** 2,093: **Total Charter Schools:** 98
- Total Students:** 1,186,299

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**The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction welcomes the following LEAs and Charter Schools that converted in Wave 3 Year 2 to the NC WISE family.**

Alexander	Orange	Academy of Moore County
Alleghany	Person	Arts Based Elementary
Anson	Pitt	Bethany Community Middle
Ashe	Randolph	Bridges Charter
Bertie	Robeson	CIS Academy
Cherokee	Rockingham	Carter G Woodson
Clay	Rowan-Salisbury	Childrens Village
Columbus	Scotland	Endeavor Charter
Edgecombe	Stokes	Exploris
Guilford	Surry	Forsyth Academy
Halifax	Swain	Gaston College Prep
Hertford	Union	Greensboro Academy
Jackson	Warren	Orange Charter
Johnston	Wilson	Preeminent
Kannapolis City		Queens Grant
Lexington City		Research Triangle
Lincoln		Rocky Mount Prep
Macon		Triad Math and Science
Mitchell		Woods Charter
Montgomery		
Mount Airy City		
Nash Rocky Mount		
Northampton		
Onslow		

## The Results Are In!

During the February 2009 Symposium, the results of the latest NC WISE Customer Satisfaction Survey were presented.

The results offer a snapshot of what LEAs think about NC WISE.

Demographics	Results (Rated as Good or Excellent)
59% Teachers	84% Overall Quality of Service
14% Data Managers	82% Meeting Customer Centric Goal
7% Coordinators	76% Overall Quality of Product
4% Counselors	77% Meets Business Needs
3% Bldg. Admin.	
2% Nurses	
11% Other (Superintendents, Principals, Directors)	

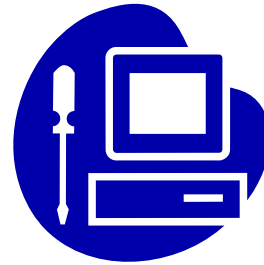


**Congratulations John!**



NCDPI's IT Director of Academic Services, John Wetsch was recently recognized as one of Computerworld Magazine's Top 100 IT Professionals during an awards ceremony in Orlando, Florida.

You can watch a video of John accepting his award by visiting <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dF7SkoigyDE>



### NC WISE Maintenance Weekend Dates

NC WISE Maintenance weekends are scheduled for the following dates:

**Apr. 24-27**

**May 15-18**

**June 19-22**

Please keep in mind that on these particular dates, the systems will go down at 5:00 pm on Fridays and be restored no later than 6:00 am on Mondays.



## AHR? What is it?

By now, you have probably added yet another acronym into your NC WISE vocabulary... AHR.

AHR or Ad-Hoc Reporting, enables LEAS to access the data in eSIS, as well as analyze and generate reports. AHR is beneficial because of its ability to produce more meaningful reports such as attendance by grade/race/sex or period absences by student. It also helps LEAs and school administration make more informed decisions concerning the many facets of the learning environment and community in which

they service.

Below is a breakdown of how the AHR tools works:

### **Web Report Studio (WRS)**

- \* Users can view, author and share reports.
- \* Create new or edit existing reports.
- \* Four different methods you can use to create reports.
- \* Reports can contain many different report objects, such as tables and graphs.
- \* Reports are based on data sources.

### **Information Delivery Portal (IDP)**

- \* Web-based interface for report consumers to view and organize content in a personalized view, such as reports that were created in WRS.
- \* Secure environment.
- \* Access to canned reports (No Child Left Behind, Matrix Class Enrollment, LEA TIMS Extract, YTD Student Attendance).

*For More Information about AHR, be sure to visit*

[http://www.ncwise.org/TRAINING/ncwise\\_training\\_documents/ahr.html](http://www.ncwise.org/TRAINING/ncwise_training_documents/ahr.html)

## WISE Fact!



The NCDPI Service Desk handled 50,349 Service Desk Tickets in 2008!

**NC WISE Training Team Announces  
Ad Hoc Reporting Training**

The NC WISE Training team is holding Ad Hoc Reporting (AHR) training during the following weeks at NCDPI:

**March 30-April 1, 2009**  
**April 14-16, 2009**  
**April 28-30, 2009**

This three day hands-on session is an introduction to Web Report Studio (WRS) and Information Delivery Portal (IDP). Participants will focus on report creation in WRS and organizing shared content in IDP. Topics covered include creating and sharing ad hoc reports within WRS, as well as navigating and creating portal pages and portlets in IDP to organize content for viewing. The session will also introduce users to Data Sources (IMAPs), Data Items, setting preferences, exporting and managing reports, and the pre-defined reports available for LEA use.



Deployment of the AHR product is currently limited to Wave 1 LEAs who have already submitted and received their account request forms to NCDPI. Wave 1 LEAs who plan to attend must submit an account request a minimum of five weeks prior to the class. User accounts will be issued to the attendees at the start of each session.

The NC WISE Training Team is also very excited to announce that Regional Training Sessions for AHR will be held in the following counties:

**Moore County Schools**  
**May 5-7, 2009**

**Iredell-Statesville Schools**  
**May 12-14, 2009**

**Buncombe County Schools**  
**June 23-25, 2009**

**Want To Go?**

All training sessions are on a first come/first serve basis, and are limited to a maximum of 20 participants (10 LEAS with two accounts per LEA).

Only person(s) with WRS and IDP account access are able to attend this training session.

For questions and/or to register, please contact the NC WISE Training Team's mailbox at [ncwisetraining@dpi.state.nc.us](mailto:ncwisetraining@dpi.state.nc.us)

