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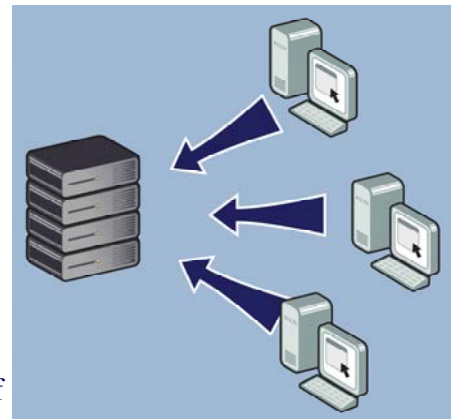
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For story ideas or questions you would like to see answered in this newsletter, please contact NC WISE Information Specialist Michele Burton at 919.807.3456 or mburton@dpi.state.nc.us

Mission Accomplished!

YET is a Success!

Many thanks to the data managers and data coordinators for their diligent work in preparing the school data, as the NC WISE team has declared the 2009 Year End Transition (YET) a success. A tenuous project, running YET requires that all schools are closed and final reports are approved. The YET process must be successfully executed before any schools can open.



Due to the various school calendars in the State, this limits the NC WISE team to one week of time. When the time comes to run YET in production the NC WISE staff takes an aggressive approach. The team works on a 24x7 schedule executing the steps necessary for YET.

This year's YET was a milestone, as it was the first time it was launched with the full deployment of NC WISE.

“With NC WISE being fully deployed, this was a big hurdle for us because we did not know exactly how long it may take for us to complete YET this year,” Joan Baldasaro, YET Project Manager. “The team worked effectively and efficiently, and as a result, management has a high level of confidence with the team and the skills in which they have.”

MAINTENANCE WEEKEND

» UPCOMING DATES

2009	2010
August—No Maintenance	January 8-11
September 18-21	February 19-22
October 16-19	March 19-22
November 13-16	April 23-26
December 11-14	May 21-24
	June 18-21



Faster machines and more leg room are just some of the benefits in the newly upgraded NCDPI Computer Training Lab.

Upcoming NC WISE Training Opportunities

The NC WISE Training Team is excited about the beginning of its 2009/2010 training season. With more training opportunities than ever before, the team has expended their offerings to include refreshers and more hands-on sessions. This year, a few things have changed that you'll need to be aware of.

- Any person interested in registering for NC WISE training events MUST have an NCID. To create an NC ID, go to <https://ncid.nc.gov>
- Courses hosted at NCDPI are free of charge.
- All registrants are asked to print or bring electronic copies of the course materials. Links to the materials will be provided to participants prior to the training event.
- Refresher sessions will be held online with GoTo Meeting Webinars. Upon registration, participants will receive an additional registration link that will provide their own personal link to the event.
- Hands-on scheduling workshops will be offered this year! Bring your work with you!

To see courses offered this month, visit http://www.ncwise.org/training_pg_cal_Aug.html.

NCDPI Begins Rollout of Unique ID System

NCDPI is implementing a Unique Statewide Student and Staff Identifier (UID) System that is the cornerstone of the NC Common Education Data Analysis & Reporting System (CEDARS).

The UID System will enable LEAs and charter schools to assign a unique statewide identifier for every student and staff member who participates in the NC education system at any point in time. The UID will enable reliable matching of student-level and staff-level records over time and across NCDPI applications. This capability will improve data quality at the state and local levels and support state and local policy makers and service providers in making data driven decisions.

For more information about CEDARS and UID, please visit the following:

CEDARS <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/cedars/>

Unique ID <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/cedars/uniqueid/>

CEDARS/UID Update (Presented at NC WISE Virtual Academy)

http://www.ncwise.org/documents/summer_conference09/S6_Cedars_2009.pdf

Future for Kids Registration Now Available Through NC WISE

Beginning this fall, Future for Kids (F4K) is offering Course Planner, an optional fee-based online registration system that interfaces with NC WISE. More than 35 school systems across North Carolina are using F4K to help their students plan their futures. Course Planner benefits include:

Online Course Selection

- Configured for each school's offerings
- Incorporates prerequisites, academic performance and teacher recommendations
- Engages parents in course selections

Customized Advisory Alerts that notify students of required parent approval, costs or any other information regarding a course.

Diploma and Certificate Tracking

Online Course Handbook

Visit <http://www.careercruising.com/Public/ProCPIndex.aspx> for more information about Course Planner.

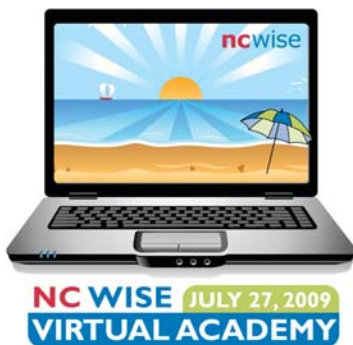
New NC WISE Web Site Debuts

Have you logged onto www.ncwise.org lately? If so, you probably have noticed that NC WISE has a new look! The new site features a red, white and blue theme with a North Carolina map highlighting our One Source, One System motto. Some of the new features include:



- Enhanced navigational menu bars, which allow users to access other pages within the site from any location.
- Access to NC WISE integrated systems applications, and other software such as CECAS and GDVS.
- Updated documents and presentations, as well as an updated training calendar for the 2009-2010 school year. Please be sure to check out both the Calendar and the Course List pages, as new courses have been added.

NC WISE Holds First Ever Virtual Conference

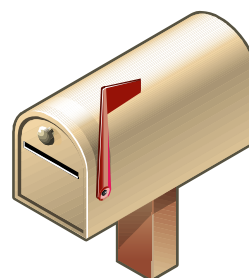


There may not have been a summer symposium hosted at the beach this year, but the budget restraints did not keep NC WISE from reaching its customers. The summer symposium was replaced with the NC WISE Virtual Academy, a free video streaming event which allowed participants to view and hear presentations from NC WISE Staff and NCDPI employees. Presentations included WebApps/UERS, Future Ready Core and Course Coding, Transcripts, Project Services and DMT Updates, Mark Scale, Credit Recovery and Training and a UID/CEDARS Update.

Copies of all the presentations are available on the NC WISE Web site by visiting www.ncwise.org/2009_virtual_conf.html.

Comments & Suggestions

As always we welcome your comments, feedback, suggestions and story ideas! Please contact us through the NC WISE Mailbox at ncwise@dpi.state.nc.us





As a reminder, here are a listing of new items which were posted on the Reporting Hub during the months of June and July. New items appear each week in the NC WISE Weekly Email Bulletin.

New on the Reporting Hub

GForge #4177 Historical Attendance (School)

Includes the following fields: Home School, First Name, Middle Name, Last Name, NC WISE Number, Gender, Ethnicity, Age, Exceptionality, Total Days Absent, Unexcused Absences, School Year (of absences), School Number (of absences), School Name (of absences), Days Membership

GForge #5744 Out Of State Report(School) and Out Of State Report(LEA).

Include the following fields: Student Number, School, Grade, Student First Name, Student Last Name, Student Mailing Address, Out of State

GForge #5395 Registered Students (LEA)

Includes the following fields: StudentID, LastName, FirstName, Birthdate, Ethnicity, Gender, SchoolID

GForge #5755 YET - Students with a null reason code, for AM lates, for a daily attendance school (LEA) and YET - Students with a null reason code, for AM lates, for a daily attendance school (School)

Include the following fields: school, pupil_number, absent_date, reason_code_am, withdraw_date

GForge #5886 List of User and Assigned Roles (LEA) and List of User and Assigned Roles (School)

Include the following fields: BSID, School, User_name, User_type, User_type_code, User_type_desc, user_role_code, User_role_desc

GForge #5812 Prosper Extract:: Student AYP Report (LEA)

Includes the following fields: school, instructor_ID, salutation, first_name, last_name, password, class_id, class_name, program, period, room, learner_id, learner_first_name, learner_last_name, gender, grade_level, birth_date, ethnicity, free_lunch, LEP, migrant_status, disable, memo, field1, field2, field3, field4, field5, field6, field7, field8, field9, field10, field11, field12, field13, field14, field15, field16

GForge #5553 Incident-Member Type Not Equal Victim Type(LEA) and Incident-Member Type Not Equal Victim Type(School)

Include the following fields: Incident Id, School, Pupil Number, Incident Date, Victim Last Name, Victim First Name, Member Type, Victim Type, Incident Code

GForge #6165 – (New)

Connect Ed Extract::Registered Students Only (LEA) and Connect Ed Extract::Registered Students Only (School)

Include the following fields: ReferenceCode, FirstName, LastName, Grade, Language, Gender, PrimaryPhone, homephone, workphone, mobilephone, emailaddress, homephonealt, workphonealt, mobilephonealt, emailaddressalt, Institution, Terminate

GForge #6170 – (Revised)

Connect Ed Extract::For Registered and Not Registered Students (LEA) And Connect Ed Extract::For Registered and Not Registered Students (School)

Include the following fields: ReferenceCode, FirstName, LastName, Grade, Language, Gender, PrimaryPhone, HomePhone, WorkPhone, MobilePhone, EmailAddress, HomePhoneAlt, WorkPhoneAlt, MobilePhoneAlt, EmailAddressAlt, Institution, Terminate

(Note: The reports named 'Connect Ed Extract::For Registered and Not Registered Students (LEA and School) replace the reports named 'Connect Ed for All Admitted Students (LEA and School)' as a more descriptive name for the data being extracted.)

Wetsch Offers Column Advice For Journal Readers

Computerworld magazine, the world's leading source of technology news and information for Information Technology (IT) professionals, selected NCDPI's own **John Wetsch** (NC WISE director and technology support for Academic Services) to serve as the June, 2008 edition's career advice columnist. John covered such topics as re-entering the IT workforce, taking early retirement, work/life balance, the merits of a tech MBA and the prospects for IT employment within the overall economy. In December, 2008, *Computerworld* chose John as one of the world's Premier 100 IT leaders.



John Wetsch



The NC WISE Deployment Training staff recently met for one final time to close out a very successful project—Wave 3 Deployment. This would not have been accomplished without the selfless dedication from this outstanding group of folks. Pictured—Row 3: Corwin Armstrong, Gina Snow, George Batten, Skip Neal, Doris Elliott, Mary Hayes. Row 2: Judy Rothrock, Sandra Brown, Sally Newell, Sandra Jones, Teddie Lou Evaul, Rosalyn Galloway, Ann Tyndall. Row 1: Francine Dillingham and Phyllis Davis. Not pictured: Matt Roush, Johnnie Bell, Charlie Cole, Donna Dowdy, Bob Will, Cathy Wrenn and Greg Miller.

New to the Team

The NC WISE team is happy to welcome **Paul Iadonisi** on board. Paul joins the team as a System Administrator.



Originally from Massachusetts, Paul has lived in North Carolina for the past four years and has worked with Red Hat and Hosted Solutions. Given the nick name the "Local Linux Lobbyist" by a previous employer, Paul enjoys road trips and has two cats, PAM and Kerberos.

