The NC WISE Email Bulletin highlights issues and announcements that were communicated to users during the week. The bulletin also features late-breaking and recurring news about NC WISE. In this issue:

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1. New Discipline Data Rules

Please read and forward the following message from Dr. Ken Gattis, Federal Program Monitoring and Support Coordinator.

This is a reminder for LEA discipline data coordinators and a notice to all on the discipline data contact list. The following new discipline data reporting rules are in place for the 2012-13 school year:

1) To comply with federal reporting on disciplinary removals, both in-school and out-of-school suspensions must now be reported for all students. Partial day ISS is not required to be reported.

2) The action type Homebound Instruction may not be used as a replacement for an out-of-school suspension as a disciplinary consequence. Because Homebound Instruction is limited in nature, students receiving this service while suspended must be classified as suspended. If Homebound Instruction is provided to a student on Long-Term Suspension, both of these actions should be listed as disciplinary consequences.

3) EC Students assigned to an ALP who would have been long-term suspended but instead were assigned to an alternative school or alternative learning program should be assigned in NC WISE the additional Action Type of “EC Serve LTS in ALP.” Assignment to an ALP with the additional designation does not count as a suspension in state reporting (including School Report Cards), but will be counted as a long-term suspension for federal EC reporting purposes.

2. Call for UAB Agenda Items

The NC WISE User Advisory Board meeting will be held Thursday, August 16 from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Please submit all agenda items by Friday, August 10, 2012 to Shannon Goss at shannon.goss@dpi.nc.gov.
For those who would like to participate but have not registered, registration is available at https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/401658296. Once registered your confirmation link (registration) is good through December 20, 2012.

We encourage all attendees to register even if you plan to attend in person.

3. 2012 NC WISE Summer Update Presentations and Webinars

We appreciate all who participated in the NC WISE Summer Update. For those who were unable to attend via webinar, the sessions and presentations have been posted to the NC WISE website at http://www.ncwise.org/2012_Summer_Update_Docs.html.

Session 3, the Pearson Demonstration, will not be posted at this time due to copyright infringements; however, we are working on a plan to make it available to you. In the meantime, users may view free PowerSchool Demos by clicking on the following link: http://www.ncwise.org/powerschool.html.

A question and answer document derived from the NC WISE Summer Update will be posted to the NC WISE website once completed.

Again, thanks to all who participated in this year’s update. If you have problems viewing any of the materials, please contact the NCDPI Service Desk at ncwise.incidents@its.nc.gov.

4. New and Updated documents on the Web

TAM Refresher - http://www.ncwise.org/training_recordings.html (Update)

5. Upcoming Training for August

TAM Teacher Assistant Module Hands-on Workshop at DPI – August 6, 7, 8, 9, 10
This one day face-to-face session will consist of training in the Teacher Assistant Module (TAM). Training will include tasks such as how to set up teacher preps, add assignments to the grade book, add assignment grades, post Marks for report cards, enter attendance, view student demographic data, etc.

Registration Links:
August 6, 2012 - https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/306206088
August 7, 2012 - https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/704121464
August 8, 2012 – https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/697296777
August 9, 2012 - https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/908657224
August 10, 2012 - https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/154734513
RPG – Retention/Promotion/Graduate Refresher Webinar – August 7, 2012 @ 9:00 a.m. and August 29, 2012 @ 1:00 p.m.
This online session will review the process of reviewing and approving the RPG report (Retention/Promotion/Graduate).

Registration Links:
August 7, 2012 - https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/371160121
August 29, 2012 - https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/278182777

Data Manager – New User Workshop at DPI – August 13 – 17, 2012
This five day hands-on session is a basic class that covers the functional aspects of the NC WISE integrated solution. Each of the subsystems is explained with examples and exercises to reinforce the lecture.

Registration Link: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/954957225

AIG – Entering AIG Data in eSIS Webinar – August 21, 2012 @ 1:00 p.m. and August 30, 2012 @ 9:00 a.m.
This webinar will discuss the change in process for entering AIG information into eSIS.

Registration Links:
August 21, 2012 - https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/228918497
August 30, 2012 - https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/812808064

TAM – Teacher Assistant Module Refresher Webinar – August 22, 2012 @ 1:00 p.m.
This Webinar will review the use of the Teacher Assistant Module (TAM). Tasks covered will include, but not limited to, setting up Preps, Adding Assignments, Entering Assignment Grades and Posting Marks.

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