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

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1. **NC WISE Maintenance Weekend is Completed**

NC WISE maintenance weekend is complete. All systems (eSIS, WebApps, UERS, Parent Assistant and Reporting Hub) are now up and available for use. If you should experience any problems, please contact the NCDPI Service Desk at ncwise.incidents@its.nc.gov during our regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

2. **SAR Update**

SAR processing will begin December 20, 2012. Because many schools will be starting their holiday breaks around this time, the second process will not occur until January 3, 2013.

Due to the large volume of data being processed on December 20th, all edits may not be viewable until after December 21st in Xnet.

Currently data found in Xnet is last year's data. This data will be moved soon to a test site in preparation for 2012/13 data.

Please make sure that your Xnet ID and password are working and if you have problems, contact the NCDPI Service Desk (ncwise.incidents@its.nc.gov) for a password reset.

If you have questions about the SAR processing, please contact Sandra Johnson at sandra.johnson@dpi.nc.gov.

3. **NC WISE Symposium Reminder**

The 2013 NC WISE Symposium will be held at the Sheraton Four Seasons, Koury Convention Center in Greensboro, NC. The cost to attend is $115 for normal registration (postmarked by 1/31/2013) and $250 for late (postmarked on or after 2/1/2013) and onsite registrations. We encourage all participants
to take advantage of the normal registration fee.

Online registration is available on the NC WISE Website at http://www.ncwise.org/symposium13.html for your convenience. Remember, registrations are not complete until payment and a copy of the completed registration form are received at NCDPI. **When completing registrations, please ensure your email address is correct.** Certificates of Attendance will be sent to the email addresses entered on the registration form.

Several rooms have been reserved at the Sheraton Four Seasons Hotel for NC WISE Symposium guests. A copy of the hotel reservation form is posted on the NC WISE Website at http://www.ncwise.org/documents/symp13/Housing_for_NC_WISE_2013.doc. Please complete the form and mail or fax to the Sheraton Hotel address or phone number listed on the form. **Do NOT submit the hotel reservation form to NCDPI.** Please remember to state that you are with the NC WISE Symposium when making reservations.

As an added feature to this year’s Symposium, there will be a “Meet-and-Greet“ drop-in opportunity on Sunday afternoon (February 24th) from 1:00-4:00 PM. This is a chance for LEA and school personnel to meet the Pearson staff members working on the NC PowerSchool implementation. There is no extra charge for this event.

The Symposium classes this year will be a mixture of eSIS and PowerSchool overview sessions as well as updates from various DPI business owners. There will also be information on the Instructional Improvement System (IIS) which, along with PowerSchool, is a major component of the new Home Base system. The Symposium staff is still working on the course list and schedule; these will be available on the NC WISE website as soon as they are finalized.

We hope to see you in Greensboro in February.

4. Cancellation of UAB and CCB Meetings

The UAB and CCB meetings scheduled for Dec. 20, 2012 have been canceled. Many LEAs and charter schools that normally participate in these meetings will be out for the holidays.

The next UAB and CCB meetings are scheduled for January 10, 2013. A new link to register for these meetings will be published on the NC WISE website and emailed via NC WISE email.

If you have any questions pertaining to the UAB and CCB schedules, please contact the NCDPI Service Desk by emailing ncwise.incidents@its.nc.gov.

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