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.

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1. **Pearson - NC WISE Conversion**

   Please see the attached memo sent from Philip W. Price, Chief Financial Officer to Charter School Administrators concerning the NC WISE Conversion to PowerSchool.

2. **PowerSchool Conversion- Pearson Services – Communication Updates**

   **PowerSchool Conversion – Pearson Services**
   The DPI and Pearson have entered into a contractual agreement for the statewide implementation of PowerSchool to replace NC WISE. In addition, we are negotiating a hosting agreement with Pearson for PowerSchool. We want to assure you that these procurements will provide everything your LEA/Charter will need for the successful implementation and operation of PowerSchool. Project management, data conversion, training and other services will be provided and funded by the State throughout the project. You will not need to purchase additional services for this implementation.

   While there is not a need to purchase additional services from Pearson for a successful implementation of PowerSchool, there could be additional services that you could obtain from Pearson that are specific for your LEA or charter. We recommend waiting to be sure that the
services are not included in the PowerSchool product unless you do know of some supplemental work that you would like completed during implementation.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact the DPI Service Center at homebase.incidents@its.nc.gov.

**Local Education Agency (LEA)/Charter Applications – PowerSchool Data Extracts and Reporting**

The PowerSchool implementation team is identifying LEA/Charter data extracts and reporting needs. The DPI is developing uniform technical approaches to satisfy common requirements. LEAs/Charters will still be responsible for supplying data to local and third party applications. However, the DPI will continue offering data extracts and reporting services for the more popular local applications and commonly used reports.

More detailed information is being provided to your staff through separate correspondence. As this work progresses and more information is available, I will inform you of the status of this effort.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact the DPI Service Center at homebase.incidents@its.nc.gov.

**3. Home Base Auto-Gen**

Home Base is the statewide student information and instructional improvement* system. PowerSchool, the student information component of Home Base is currently being implemented in North Carolina.

To help provide LEAs/charter schools more efficient service when resolving issues related to Home Base implementation, the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction will begin using the existing Remedy system.

For this purpose, a Remedy auto-gen email address has been created to log all Home Base questions to allow for more efficient and timely ticket logging and resolution. Please use this email address to direct questions or request support from the PowerSchool team. The email address is as follows:

**homebase.incidents@its.nc.gov**

Remember, this email address is for questions pertaining to the Home Base system which consists of the PowerSchool application and the Instructional Improvement system. Please continue to use the ncwise.incidents@its.nc.gov for all NC WISE support requests.
*The contracts for the instructional improvement system have not been awarded. Once awards are made LEAs/charter schools will be notified.

4. One – Year Waiver – Section C of SBE Policy GCS – C – 003

Per the One-Year Waiver of Section C of SBE Policy GCS-C-003 (EOC as 25% of the Final Course Grade for the 2012-13 School Year), schools have the option to waive policy GCS-C-003. See the statement below as approved by the NC State Board of Education:

The standard setting process for the new Algebra I/Integrated I, English II, and Biology end-of-course (EOC) assessments and their alternates is scheduled to take place during summer 2013. As such, no scores will be provided for these assessments until early fall 2013. Staff recommends State Board of Education (SBE) policy GCS-003 section (c) be waived for this school year only regarding public schools using the results from all operational EOC assessments as at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the student’s final grade for each respective course.

You may click on the following link to view the waiver in its entirety. https://eboard.eboardsolutions.com/meetings/ViewmeetingOrder.aspx?S=10399&MID=732&IID=16057&srch=GCS-C-003&AID=10455,10456&ktype=Exact

If your school intends to adjust the percentage of EOC scores in the final marks from 25 to any other percentage, the following steps must be taken at the school level and in TAM:

Report Cycle weights must be changed at the school level to the new exam weight.
School > School Information > Reporting Periods > Cycles > Highlight the Final Mark to be Corrected > Report Cycle Weights

School TA Config must be updated to allow teachers to override report cycle weights.

Teachers must go to each course in every prep and change the weights for each course.
If teachers have already calculated and posted marks, they must re-calculate and re-post with the updated weights

If you have questions pertaining to this message, please contact the NCDPI Service Desk at ncwise.incidents@its.nc.gov.

5. PowerSchool Transition – May 1 Memo

Please read and forward to the appropriate staff the attached memo concerning the PowerSchool transition May 1 scheduling deadline.
If you have questions, please join one of the scheduled webinars as outlined in the letter where we will address additional questions.

6. SAR Update 12/19/2012

Processing of the SAR data for 2012/13 will start Thursday evening, December 20. All SAR files must be approved up to NCDPI before 3 PM on that day. **All schools are expected to have approved their SAR data to NCDPI by this processing time.**

**Please note:** Due to the high volume of data being processed at this first time, **All Edits Will Not Be Viewable in Xnet on Friday, December 21.** Please check Xnet when you return from the holidays. All edits processed will be viewable by January 2, 2013.

The second process of SAR data will take place January 3 and continue each week through February. All schools are strongly encouraged to send files weekly after the edits are reviewed and data is updated as needed. NCDPI will work towards finalizing the SAR data by March.

If you have questions, please contact Sandra Johnson at sandra.johnson@dpi.nc.gov before 3 PM Thursday, December 20. Sandra will be out of the office from Dec. 21 through January 1, 2013.

7. New on the Web

Updated NC WISE/PowerSchool FAQs - http://www.ncwise.org/documents/power_school/NC_WISE_PwrSchool_FAQ.pdf


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