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. **2013 NC WISE Symposium Reminder**

   The 2013 NC WISE Symposium is almost here! Don’t forget to register if you plan to attend. Remember, registrations are not complete until your payment is received. If payments have not been mailed, we strongly suggest you wait and make your payment (Checks Only) at the conference. All late fees have been waived. Therefore, the payment will be $115.

   Several presentations that will be presented during the Symposium are posted to the NC WISE website. Please click on the following link to download and print: [http://www.ncwise.org/symposium_presentation_13.html](http://www.ncwise.org/symposium_presentation_13.html). To check on the status of your registration, you may click on the following link: [http://www.ncwise.org/documents/symp13/2013_Symposium_Registrants.pdf](http://www.ncwise.org/documents/symp13/2013_Symposium_Registrants.pdf).

2. **Home Base Biweekly Update**

   Please read and forward to the appropriate staff the second edition of the Home Base Biweekly Update which features the latest news pertaining to this statewide project.

3. **Key Memo on Home Base and Instructional Improvement System**

   Please read and forward to the appropriate staff the attachment sent to Superintendents from Philip Price, Chief Financial Officer, concerning Home Base: Instructional Improvement System.

4. **Reporting Hub Request**

   Starting immediately, the NC WISE team is no longer accepting new Reporting Hub requests except for those that are mission critical, e.g., YET data clean up, PowerSchool data cleanup.
Questions or concerns pertaining to this change may be addressed to ncwise.incidents@its.nc.gov.

5. Bi-weekly Project Update Forum

Please join us Thursday, February 14, 2013 from 9 - 11 AM for a two hour SIS Home Base Project Update. Topics of discussion include timelines and associated tasks, conversion, NC specific customizations and answers to frequently asked questions. Time has also been allocated for a question and answer session. To sign up for this very informative forum please click on the following link: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/164112025.

We will continue to provide bi-weekly updates on the progression of this project to keep you abreast of all the latest happenings. A reoccurring link will be sent for sign up soon.

Questions pertaining to the Home Base Project may be addressed to homebase.incidents@its.nc.gov.

6. SAR Update – 02/06/2103

All SAR data processed Friday, February 1, 2013 is posted in Xnet and waiting for the schools to review. Attached are instructions for accessing and navigating Xnet.

Processing of the SAR will continue each Thursday. Schools are requested to have re-submissions into NCDPI by 2 p.m. on that day.

All schools are expected to have their data reviewed and corrected no later than March 14, 2013.

SAR DEADLINE

February 1 - March 14, 2013.

PowerSchool training and the NC WISE Symposium were taken into consideration for this timeline.

All level E issues (fatal) must be resolved and data re-submitted to DPI.

Examples of E issues:

- ended courses being used in the current school year
- incorrect academic levels and/or subject codes attached to courses
- Incorrect format of the staff certification name.

Review all level S and W level edits and if correct, no update is needed for those items. If incorrect, update data in eSIS and re-submit SAR to DPI.

Review all level D edits. The D items have been dropped from your SAR data and will not be included in any of your schools reporting such as School Report Card. If the data should be reported, correct the issues that caused the drop. This year as in the past, NC WISE does not report all roles and duties in the SAR data. This will cause some staff members to be dropped due to no reported activities. Examples of reasons data would be dropped:

- no teacher assigned to a class
- a class assigned to a class period with no minutes
- a staff member with no classes assigned.
Work with your HR staff to review the HQ Rough Cut data once it is posted. Update and re-submit as needed to correct any HQ issues that require a new SAR submission by the deadline date. Make sure that the HR staff are aware of the SAR deadline.

It is imperative that the schools work as quickly as possible to resolve edit issues and resubmit corrected SAR data to DPI to meet the deadline. Weekly submissions are strongly recommended. If your data is not updated and re-submitted weekly, you may miss opportunities to catch and update new issues by the deadline date of March 14.

If you have data issues or need passwords reset for Xnet, please contact the NC WISE Service Desk by submitting a Remedy ticket to ncwise.incidents@its.nc.gov.

If you have policy issues or need disapproval of data for re-submissions, please contact Sandra Johnson at sandra.johnson@dpi.nc.gov.

7. Graduate Data Verification System (GDVS) 2013: System Availability and Processing Phases – Start/End Dates

The annual data collection for high school graduates known as the Graduate Data Verification System (GDVS) will be available Monday, February 11, 2013.

The GDVS data collection and verification will occur in two (2) Phases and is due June 14, 2013. Please see the attachment containing the Processing Phases of the 2013 Graduate Data Verification System.

High Schools with an NC WISE school calendar end date on or after June 14, 2013 will be contacted individually and assisted with the submission.

All high school Principals, Counselors, NC WISE Data Managers and Charter School Directors / Head Masters are strongly encouraged to log into GDVS no later than Thursday, February 28, 2013. This will ensure you receive communications concerning your schools’ graduates.

An active NCID (North Carolina Identity) is required to access GDVS.

   LEAs can obtain information on activating or verifying an NCID by contacting your LEA NCID administrator listed at https://www.ncid.its.state.nc.us/LEAListing.asp.

   Charter School Directors / Head Masters can obtain information on activating or verifying an NCID by contacting the NCID administrator for Charter Schools listed at https://www.ncid.its.state.nc.us/LEADetails.asp?name=Charter%20Schools%20000

Documentation and information on how to access the GDVS are available on the Financial and Business Services’ website located at http://www.ncpublicschools.org/fbs/accounting/data/. Scroll down to the High School Graduates section of the page to view.

The GDVS is also accessible at https://schools.nc.gov/pls/apex/f?p=111:1.

Questions concerning how to navigate GDVS or student data should be submitted via email to: ncwise.incidents@its.nc.gov.