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 and the PowerSchool project.

1. VPN Access to PowerSchool Databases using ODBC

Some users have requested VPN access to their PowerSchool databases using Open Database Connectivity. Pearson is providing the following link for ODBC requests: [https://powersource.pearsonschoolsystems.com/aspservices/odbcRequest.action](https://powersource.pearsonschoolsystems.com/aspservices/odbcRequest.action). Please review all the information that is provided. Only those users designated as Technical Contacts will be able to make the request. If you do not know your LEA/Charter Technical Contact, please contact your Pearson Project Manager.

There is a known issue with the PSNavigator and Dataminer ODBC accounts when attempting to set the password for these accounts in PowerSchool that will cause this process to fail. If you experience this failure in setting these passwords it is possible that Pearson support will need to assist. Please work with your Implementation Project Manager to help resolve this issue for you with support.

2. Clean-up WebApps Prior to YET – Update

Last week a message was sent in the NC WISE Weekly Email Bulletin informing our users that eSIS would remain available to a limited number of users within the LEAs and charters. We requested the districts to determine who within their schools would continue to have access to eSIS after PowerSchool goes live, and to remove access to others by either changing their passwords or deleting the passwords.

Since that request was made, we have received feedback that this may cause some hardship on our customers. As a result, we have researched and come up with an easier method.
In order to assist and alleviate some of the burden, we are granting access to all users with the LEA_WISE_COORDINATOR and SCHOOL_WISE_DATA_MANAGER roles. A script has been written to remove all other users once PowerSchool goes live. LEAs or charters with users that will need continued access should adjust these users’ security roles in WebApps accordingly.

If you have any questions concerning this process, please contact the NCDPI Service Desk at ncwise.incidents@its.nc.gov.

3. GDVS Issues Resolved

Several users reported that Early Graduates were appearing as End of Year Graduates in the GDVS system as a result of our request to perform Early Graduation prior to YET. Thanks to the NC WISE Data Management Team, a script was written to correct this issue in the GDVS system. Therefore, no action is required by our customers.

Please continue to perform Early Graduation prior to YET. The process has not changed. For more instructions on how the Early Graduation process works, users may refer to the document “Managing Early Graduates,” located on the NC WISE website (http://www.ncwise.org/training_doc_admission_withdraw.html).

4. WebApps/UERS Nightly Process Schedule

The nightly WebApps/UERS processing schedule will remain in effect next week. PMRs and other UERS reports will continue to be processed every other day. The schedule is as follows:

**Processing Schedule**

Monday – Batch process is started at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday – Batch process kicks off at 7:30 p.m.

Friday – Batch process kicks off at 7:30 p.m.

As the reports are approved, the processing time should improve and we should be able to resume our normal processing window soon.

5. Elementary Scheduling in PowerSchool Webinar

Pearson will be providing three Webinar sessions demonstrating Elementary Scheduling in PowerSchool. The dates and times for each session are listed below. The links to register can be found on the NC WISE website at http://www.ncwise.org/training/pg_cal_Jun.html. The same material will be covered in each session so there is no need to sign up for all three sessions except for refresher purposes.

      Tuesday, June 18  8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Wednesday, June 19  1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, June 20  8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Per Pearson policy, the sessions will NOT be recorded and posted for later viewing. All callers will be muted during the demonstrations; therefore, viewers will need to direct their questions to their Pearson Project Managers.

6. PowerSchool Data Files to Replace NC WISE Reporting Hub Reports

The NC WISE Data Management Team (DMT) is delivering PowerSchool data files that will be used in conjunction with PowerSchool reporting tools to replace some NC WISE Reporting Hub reports. DMT is providing PowerSchool report templates (PST files), ReportWorks templates (RWP files), Autosend (TXT) text files for extracting, and Templates for Exports (PST files) that may be imported into your PowerSchool instance. These files and their import instructions are posted on the NC WISE website under the new PowerSchool Reporting Templates pages.

You may navigate to the files by going to the NC WISE website (www.ncwise.org) and clicking on the PowerSchool graphic > PowerSchool Reporting Templates. You may also access the page directly by clicking on the following link: http://www.ncwise.org/powerschool_reporting.html. Because there are numerous files, the Templates for Export files are on a second page which may be accessed directly by clicking this link: http://www.ncwise.org/powerschool_reporting2.html.

If you have questions or need assistance with these files, please submit a remedy ticket to the NCDPI Support Center at homebase.incidents@its.nc.gov.

7. Course Codes 1999I, 1999T and 1999U

Course Codes 1999I, 1999T and 1999U will not be converted into PowerSchool.

In the past, Course Code 1999 was used to indicate a separate lab component of a language course necessary for listening and speaking practices that could not be accommodated in the classroom. With advances in technology, such practices are now incorporated into classroom instruction and/or various learning resources available to learners. Therefore, labs are no longer scheduled.

Please use the language-specific codes noted in the course code list and/or the Community College Crosswalk courses that have the 5th character designations of I, T or U.

If you have any questions pertaining to the use of language-specific codes and any other Crosswalk course, please contact the NCDPI Support Center at homebase.incidents@its.nc.gov.

8. Call for UAB Agenda Items

The next NC WISE User Advisory Board meeting will be held Thursday, June 20 from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Please submit all agenda items to ncwise@dpi.nc.gov by Tuesday, June 18, 2013.
If you did not register for the previously held meetings, please click on the following link to attend the meeting via GoTo Webinar: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/718903665. We encourage all attendees to register even if you plan to attend in person.

9. LEP End Dates

Do not enter LEP program assignment end dates for students leaving their current school at YET. LEP data will continue to be loaded to NC WISE on a daily basis. Because the LEP data will continue to be uploaded daily to NC WISE, when the LEP program assignment is manually ended, another program assignment for that student will be written the next day without an end date.

To address the problem at YET, the System Code setting that controls LEP program assignment end dates populated at withdrawal has been updated. At YET, if an LEP student is leaving their current school, the student will have an end date of 6/30/2013 populated in Program Assignments. Remember, this only affects LEP students who are withdrawing from their current school. All other program assignment end dates must be manually entered for students who are leaving their current school at YET.

10. UID Communication Coming Soon

There is a drafted UID communication in process that will be communicated to users next week. Please be on the lookout for more UID updates.

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