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.

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1. Home Base (PowerSchool) Project Update Webinar

The sixth Home Base PowerSchool Project Update webinar was held Thursday, May 9. This webinar featured tips on things to do and not to do in PowerSchool prior to July 1; things to check when data is returned; and screenshots of functionality prototypes in PowerSchool. The webinar was recorded and can be viewed by clicking on the following link: http://www.ncwise.org/documents/power_school/PowerSchool_Updates/webinars/2013-05-09_Project_Update6.wmv. The presentation will be posted once available.

If you missed any of the previously held webinars, you may go to the PowerSchool Updates page, http://www.ncwise.org/powerschool_updates.html, and download the webinars and presentations.

The next webinar will be held May 23 from 1 – 3 p.m. If you are interested in attending this or any future Project Update webinars and have not registered, registration is available at https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/315714961. Once registered, you will not need to register for future webinars held through June 6.

Also, remember to check the NC Data Conversion Issue Tracker frequently for statuses of known issues. You may view the latest update by clicking on the following link: http://www.ncwise.org/documents/power_school/PowerSchool_Updates/20130510_NC_Data_Conversion_Issue_Tracker_Masked.pdf.

2. Helpful Year End Transition (YET) Tips

The NC WISE family of applications will shut down Friday, June 28, 2013 at 5 PM for the annual YET process.

A Pre-YET Refresher webinar is scheduled to give users an overview of time lines, setups and resources related to tasks that must be completed prior to YET. Dates and registration links for this webinar are as follows:
May 15, 2013 @ 1:00 p.m. - https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/489458753

May 20, 2013 @ 9:00 a.m. - https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/667859353

For further assistance, please review the following actions you need to complete prior to YET.

1. Pre-Transition is the process that both promotes students and associates them to their next school of record for the coming year. Pre-Transition must be completed prior to the NC WISE Year End Transition process (YET). We strongly recommend running the Pre-Transition prior to your LEAs scheduling deadline (May 1 or June 1). Why? The Next Grade and Next School data will be converted during Phase 2b of the eSIS to PowerSchool transition to support the PowerSchool End of Year (EOY) process. If Pre-Transition is not completed by your scheduling deadline, you will need to perform the ‘like’ process in PowerSchool in order to run EOY.

Instructions for completing the Pre-Transition process in eSIS can be found at http://www.ncwise.org/documents/training_group/docs/schl_info/WISE_YET_PreTransition.pdf.

2. Clean data is essential to a successful YET. The following reports are available on the Reporting Hub to assist users in preparing for YET. Personnel are encouraged to use these reports to ensure that their data is accurate, allowing for a smooth transition during this critical process.

"YET-Examine Pre-Transition for Next School Outside Data Center" - This report is available from either an LEA or school level query and identifies students who have a school populated on the Pre-Transition list that is outside of your data center. This can occur when a student is admitted to a school later in the school year and their next school is not updated on admission. The Next School MUST be corrected for the student on the Pre-Transition list prior to YET. If a student is transitioning outside your data center or if you are unsure of where the student will attend school next year, leave the Next School field blank.

"Course Sections with No Assigned Teachers" – This report is also available from the Reporting Hub as an LEA or School level query. It consists of scheduled sections with students who have no assigned teacher. These records need to be updated and populated with a teacher prior to YET. If not corrected, the information regarding the students, courses and teachers will not load to CEDARS and could result in inaccurate data being written historically in NC WISE and PowerSchool.

3. UERS - PMR 9 (including months 1-8) - These files must be created before YET. All PMRs must be approved and submitted to DPI by June 28. Please be diligent about completing months 6 – 8 PMRs in a timely fashion so that we may focus only on month 9 during the month of June.

4. While it is not a UERS report, the Safe Schools Report must be completed and approved prior to YET.

5. Transcripts - Since there will be no access to either eSIS or EDI while YET is processing, any transcripts a school thinks might be needed during YET should be printed.

If you need assistance with the reports or any other YET preparation task, please contact the NCDPI Service Desk by e-mailing ncwise.incidents@its.nc.gov.
3. May 16 User Advisory Board (UAB) Meeting Canceled

The next NC WISE UAB meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 16 has been canceled. Please inform all prospective attendees.

The CCB meeting will still take place as scheduled – Thursday, May 16, 2013 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

4. NC WISE Maintenance Weekend for May 2013

This is a reminder that this weekend is a maintenance weekend for NC WISE. Maintenance will be performed on the following systems: eSIS, WebApps, Parent Assistant, UERS and Reporting Hub.

All systems will shut down at 5 p.m., today. Once maintenance is complete a message will be sent to notify users that these systems are up and available. All systems will be restored by 6 a.m., Monday, May 13. If a delay in bringing up the systems should occur, users will be notified via NC WISE email.

5. New Charters Approved and Ready for Student Transitions

New charter schools have been approved for the 2013-14 school year. All schools may begin transitioning students to the new charter schools within their datacenters. A list of these charters and their data centers are located on the NC WISE website at: http://www.ncwise.org/documents/communications/list/new_charters_2013_14.pdf. You may also view this list by going to www.ncwise.org and clicking on Contact Us > 2013-14 New Charter Schools.

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