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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. In this issue:

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1. New on the NC WISE Web Site

Master Timetable Builder Cheat Sheet

http://www.ncwise.org/documents/training_group/docs/scheduling/WISE_Sched_MTB_CheatSheet.pdf

Elementary Scheduling Refresher

http://www.ncwise.org/documents/training_group/presentations/WISE_Sched_Elem_Refresher.pdf

Elementary School Scheduling Recorded Refresher

http://www.ncwise.org/training_doc_scheduling.html

2. New on the Reporting Hub

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Daily Admission Withdrawal Exceptional Children(LEA) and

Daily Admission Withdrawal Exceptional Children(School)

Include the following fields: School #, Pupil #, Last Name, First Name, Admission Date, Withdrawal Date, Grade, Exceptionality Code, Except. Level, Birth Date, Gender, Ethnicity

3. YET UAT Testers Needed – Deadline to Participate is Tuesday, May 18

The NC WISE Team is looking for LEAs and charter schools to participate in User Acceptance Testing (UAT) for Year End Transition (YET). This is an excellent opportunity to check pre-transition data and correct problems before YET occurs. Your input also helps the YET Team identify potential issues with the transition process. This provides the LEAs an opportunity to fix issues and improve the chances for a successful YET. Those that would like to participate will need to set up their data using the pre-transition checklist, participate in checkpoint meetings and perform an analysis when the YET trial run is complete.

The UAT schedule has not been completed yet, but we are asking interested LEAs to respond by Tuesday May 18. Once dates have been finalized, volunteer LEAs will receive more information, including a detailed schedule.

The process involves:

- * participating in a call-in meeting to review the UAT process and answer questions
- * finalizing school/student data in preparation for a YET run
- * reviewing transitioned data post-YET
- * participating in one or more call-in sessions to review results and discuss any problems

We encourage your participation. LEAs that have participated in past years say this opportunity is worth the time and effort. You do not need to test all the schools in your LEA. A sample of elementary, middle and high schools is recommended. Users who would like to participate should contact Jim Rhew at jrhew@dpi.state.nc.us by May 18.

4. CCB Accepting Nominations

The Configuration Control Board (CCB) is accepting nominations/volunteers for one medium sized LEA and one large sized LEA to serve on its board for a three year term beginning on July 1, 2010.

The CCB meets on the third Thursday of each month and reviews and prioritizes enhancement requests for the current software package.

Attached is the CCB Charter which includes more detailed information about the requirements needed to become a voting member and to maintain that membership. It also describes the purpose and responsibilities of the CCB in more detail.

For those interested, please contact either CCB Co-Chairs, Nancy Hatley at atnancy.hatley@stanlycountyschools.org or Robin Honeycutt at Robin_Honeycutt@catawba.k12.nc.us.

5. Future Ready Core (FRC) Webinar Cancellation

Due to EOG/EOC testing that is occurring in some LEAs at this time, the FRC Webinar scheduled for May 19, 2010, has been canceled.

The webinar will be rescheduled in June. In the meantime, a communication will be sent out detailing how to mass update the diploma type and explaining each FRC type.

6. CCB and UAB Meetings – Thursday, May 20

This is a reminder that the Configuration Control Board (CCB) and User Advisory Board (UAB) meetings will be held on Thursday, May 20. CCB will begin at 10 a.m. and UAB will begin at 1:30 p.m. If you are interested in participating in either meeting, please contact Alicia McGee at amcgee@dpi.state.nc.us for dial-in instructions.

7. Race & Ethnicity Script to be Run on Friday, May 21

On the evening of Friday, May 21, NC WISE will run a script to convert non-targeted student Race & Ethnicity data into the adhoc fields.

