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. Home Base PowerSchool Project Update Webinar

2. PowerSchool Implementation Deliverable Timelines

3. Security Template (Courtesy of Dare County)

4. Elementary Bell Schedule Template and Elementary Scheduling Template (Courtesy of Sharon McCleese and the Guilford Team)

5. Conversion from NC WISE to PowerSchool Reminders

6. June 1 Scheduling Deadline

7. CCB Nominations

8. Observance of State Holiday

1. **Home Base PowerSchool Project Update Webinar**

The seventh Home Base (PowerSchool) Project Update webinar was held Thursday, May 23 from 1 – 3 PM. This information packed webinar featured demos on Report Card, Progress Reports and Contact Management. A walk through the security process and discussions on the ties between the Operational Data Store (ODS), Enterprise Controller and PowerSchool were also presented.

If you were unable to attend this webinar, please go to the PowerSchool Updates page, [http://www.ncwise.org/powerschool_updates.html](http://www.ncwise.org/powerschool_updates.html), and click on the WMV file for the Home Base Project Update 7 recording. The PowerPoint presentation is also posted on this page in PDF format.

Currently, only one more PowerSchool Project Update webinar scheduled for June 6 remains. Those who did not register for the previous webinars and are interested in attending this final webinar may click on the following link to register: [https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/315714961](https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/315714961).

Questions or comments pertaining to this webinar or any other Home Base Project activities may be addressed to homebase.incidents@its.nc.gov.

2. **PowerSchool Implementation Deliverable Timelines**

As promised, a list of the PowerSchool Implementation deliverables and their due dates has been posted to the NC WISE website - [http://www.ncwise.org/documents/power_school/PowerSchool_Updates/20130523_Project_Status7_Pearson_PowerSchool_Implementation_Deliverable_Priorities_v1_3_5_21_13.pdf](http://www.ncwise.org/documents/power_school/PowerSchool_Updates/20130523_Project_Status7_Pearson_PowerSchool_Implementation_Deliverable_Priorities_v1_3_5_21_13.pdf). Fields highlighted in
red indicate the requirements have not been finalized. Those fields that are highlighted in blue are tasks pertaining to the Enterprise Controller.

A copy of this document is also attached. If you have questions pertaining to the deliverables and due dates, please contact the NCDPI Support Center at homebase.incidents@its.nc.gov.

3. Security Template (courtesy of Dare County)

Thanks to Anne Newbern of Dare County, we are able to provide you with an impressive example of a Security Group template. You may view the sample by clicking on the following link: http://www.ncwise.org/powerschool_updates.html and locating the Security Template (Sample) at the bottom of the page. A copy of the template is attached to this message (DCS PS SecurityGroups.xls).

For your benefit, the template is in Excel format for easy updates and modifications. Please feel free to use this template as a resource when creating your own Security template.

4. Elementary Bell Schedule Template and Elementary Scheduling Template (courtesy of Sharon McCleese and the Guilford Team)

Thanks to Sharon McCleese and the Guilford County Team, we are able to provide you with two template samples – Elementary Bell Schedule Periods-Minutes-Times, and Elementary Scheduling Template. These templates are being provided to you in Excel format for easy updates and modifications. To access the templates from the website, please go to the PowerSchool Updates page, http://www.ncwise.org/powerschool_updates.html, and locate the two Excel files by name. The files are also attached to this email.

5. Conversion from NC WISE to PowerSchool Reminders

To All Our Customers:

We’re taking this opportunity to reach out and remind all our customers that the conversion from NC WISE to PowerSchool – the first implementation phase of Home Base – is fast approaching. In fact, the targeted month (July) is less than 30 business days away!

Because you know your business processes and needs better than we do, we are encouraging all LEAs and Charters to ensure you are prepared as effectively as possible to take on eSIS YET processing, PowerSchool data validation and other preparation processes needed to move forward with the new Home Base services starting in July.

Like you and your staff, we are also preparing our support team for the new services by:

- Restructuring and expanding the support center
- Changing the support phone menu to accommodate more services
- Increasing the number of service staff for support
- Engaging vendors for a more integrated customer support team
• Crafting vital reference and support materials with plans in place to expand these resources as we learn more.

As most of you know, Home Base is far more than the singular student information component that we had with NC WISE and, with critical times ahead, we all need to ascertain that staff is prepared when Home Base goes live. Taking advantage of the web based training resources (Distance Learning and Mastery in Minutes) available in PowerSource will aid in meeting that need. **If you have not received access to PowerSource, we strongly advise you to contact your NC WISE coordinator and request access to begin using these essential training modules.**

More communications will continue to come as we get closer to implementation. In the meantime, if you have questions, please use the resources listed below that have been made available to you so we may respond to your needs as promptly as possible:

- Home Base Support Center – homebase.incidents@its.nc.gov
- Pearson Project Manager for your LEA

NCDPI is excited about the opportunity to chart this new course together with you. With greater preparation now, we can increase our chances of mutual success. Let’s all do what we can to make this transition go smoothly.

**6. June 1 Scheduling Deadline**

This is a reminder that the June 1 scheduling deadline is approximately one week away. Please focus on completing your scheduling and pre-transition activities if you elected this deadline.

Questions pertaining to this subject matter may be addressed to the NCDPI Service Desk by emailing ncwise.incidents@its.nc.gov.

**7. CCB Nominations**

Please read and forward to the appropriate staff the following message from the NC WISE Configuration Control Board (CCB).

The CCB (Configuration Control Board) is currently looking for LEAs that would like to participate as voting members. There are two voting member seats coming up for renewal on June 30, 2013:

- One of the seats is for a Large Size LEA (Student enrollment of >40,000)
- One of the seats is for a Medium Size LEA (Student Enrollment of 10,000 - 39,999)

Total membership for CCB consists of eighteen members: five small LEAs (<10,000), eight medium LEAs (10,000-39,999), three large LEAs (>40,000), and one Charter School. The NCSIA User’s Association is represented as 1 member.
To be considered for one of the CCB voting member seats you must represent an NC WISE LEA that falls into one of the categories below:

- Medium LEA (10,000 - 39,999)
- Large LEA (>40,000)

Members will serve a three year term and no LEA may serve more than two consecutive terms. New membership terms begin on July 1.

LEAs with representatives who become ineligible for membership during their term will be replaced with a new representative from the LEA. The replacement member will serve for the remainder of the term.

Attendance and participation in the meetings or conference calls are essential. LEA members who miss two consecutive or a total of three meetings during the fiscal year of July 1 through June 30 will be automatically removed from the Committee. The Committee will then propose a new representative LEA.

LEAs wishing to be a part of the committee may volunteer as seats become available or may be nominated by member LEAs or Charter Schools. Seats are filled by a majority vote of the seated membership.

You may nominate your LEA or another LEA for election to one of the CCB voting member seats by emailing Russell Dixon (dixonr@gcs.k12.nc.us) no later than May 31, 2013.

8. Observance of State Holiday

The NCDPI Service Desk will be closed Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day – a state holiday. The service desk will resume its normal business hours Tuesday, May 28 from 7:30 AM – 5:00 PM.

NC WISE
NC Department of Public Instruction
Education Building, Room 320
301 North Wilmington Street
Raleigh, NC 27601

919-807-3190 Office
919-807-3421 Fax
email: ncwise@dpi.nc.gov