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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 Reporting Hub

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Career Development Option 1 Student Demographics(LEA)

Includes the following fields: STUDENTID, FIRSTNAME, LASTNAME, GENDER, DATEOFBIRTH, EMAIL, USERNAME, PASSWORD, CURRENTGRADE, CURRENTSCHOOLCODE, PREREGSCHOOLCODE, STUDENTGUID

Career Development Option 1 Course List(LEA)

Includes the following fields: School Number, Course Code, Course Title, Short Name, External Code, Department, Dept Category Code, Grade Level, Subject, Course Length, Credits, Sections, Min Seats, Academic Level, Weight, GPA Indicator

Career Development Option 1 Student Demographics(School)

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Career Development Option 1 Course List(School)

Includes the following fields: School Number, Course Code, Course Title, Short Name, External Code, Department, Dept Category Code, Grade Level, Subject, Course Length, Credits, Sections, Min Seats, Academic Level, Weight, GPA Indicator

Career Development Option 1 Credits (LEA)

Includes the following fields: Pupil Number, Course Code, Complete Date, Final Mark, Credit Value, Course In Progress, Transfer Course, Subject Area, Degree Credit Area 2, Degree Credit Area 3, Credit Earned, Degree Credit Area V2, Degree Credit Area V3

Career Development Option 1 Credits (School)

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2. SAR Points to Consider

Below are several important points to consider regarding School Activity Reports.

Item 1

Now that SIMS has been retired, it is no longer required to enter 0000 in the Long Course Title. However, the State Subject Code for Self-Contained Courses still must contain 0000 in order to be properly identified.

If your Long Course Title contains 0000, it does not need to be changed.

#### Item 2

Currently, program code changes are being made to accommodate grade level 13. As a result, SAR edits have not been returned to the LEAs/charter schools. An e-mail will be sent a few days prior to the delivery of the SAR edits.

#### Item 3

It is unnecessary to enter a Remedy Ticket or contact the Service Desk if you need a SAR disapproved.

If there is a need to have the SAR disapproved, please contact one of the following via e-mail:

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### 3. NC School Report Card and Missing Class Size

The NC School Report Card for 2008-09 is not reporting class size information for some grades/schools. This issue seems to occur where schools used the Host/Exploding Courses and used their self-contained course (0000) as the Host Course. This is an acceptable practice; however, the schools need to make certain that if they are using the self-contained course as the Host course they MUST check the box on the MORE screen in COURSE MAINTENANCE that says "Keep Host Course". This will ensure that the 0000 self-contained course remains on the student schedule to be reported on the SAR.

The SAR edits look at the courses assigned to a teacher in the school. If the teacher is assigned both the 0000 self-contained course and other courses (Math, Science, Lang Arts, etc) the SAR edit process ignores the other courses and only keeps the self-contained course and teacher assignment. The SAR edits then look at the remaining courses. Any course sections with no students assigned are dropped. Since the self-contained (Host) course did not have the "Keep Host Course" check box checked, the course was not kept in the student schedule and the section showed no students once the explode was completed. This means the SAR edit dropped the section(s). If the host course is dropped from the SAR then there is no way to report class size data on the school report card. So, if grades 4 and 5 are exploded and the host course is not kept then the SAR edit process will show no class size data for 4th and 5th grade students on the NC School Report Card.

It is vitally important that schools make certain they have checked the "Keep Host Course" check box on the self-contained Host course. This is done in Course Maintenance on the MORE screen. This data must be corrected in the current year prior to approving the SAR.

Instructions for building host courses and exploding courses can be found at [http://www.ncwise.org/documents/training\\_group/docs/scheduling/WISE\\_Sched\\_HostCoursesExplodingCourses.pdf](http://www.ncwise.org/documents/training_group/docs/scheduling/WISE_Sched_HostCoursesExplodingCourses.pdf). Page 7 states in the Keep Host Course section that "The Host Course must be kept for SAR purposes for Self Contained Courses."

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