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The NC WISE/SIMS 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 and SIMS. In this issue:

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1. New on the NC WISE Web site

The following items have been posted to the NC WISE Web site:

PCW Checkpoint Agenda (New)

[http://www.ncwise.org/documents/ncwise/readiness\\_deployment/wave3/Training\\_yr2/WISE\\_PCW\\_Agenda\\_Checkpoint\\_0809.pdf](http://www.ncwise.org/documents/ncwise/readiness_deployment/wave3/Training_yr2/WISE_PCW_Agenda_Checkpoint_0809.pdf)

Period Attendance Instructions (New)

[http://www.ncwise.org/documents/ncwise/readiness\\_deployment/wave3/Data\\_yr2/Period\\_Attendance\\_Instructions.pdf](http://www.ncwise.org/documents/ncwise/readiness_deployment/wave3/Data_yr2/Period_Attendance_Instructions.pdf)

Wave 3 Year 2 Deployment Training Schedule (Updated)

[http://www.ncwise.org/documents/ncwise/readiness\\_deployment/wave3/Training\\_yr2/Calendar\\_W3Y2\\_102908.pdf](http://www.ncwise.org/documents/ncwise/readiness_deployment/wave3/Training_yr2/Calendar_W3Y2_102908.pdf)

2. Suspension of Test Upload Process on Wednesday Nights

The combination of NC WISE Wave 3 Year 2 conversions and the Test Upload process is causing a load issue on the NC WISE servers. In an effort to improve performance during the conversion process, the NC WISE team and the Accountability ATEAM have agreed to suspend the Test Upload process on Wednesday nights. The process will continue to run all other nights during the week. Once conversions are complete (the anticipated end date is March 2009), the Test Upload process will return to its normal every night schedule.

3. Students' Completion of the North Carolina Graduation Project

LEAs and schools can now use NC WISE to track students' completion of the North Carolina Graduation Project (NCGP). You will now be able to report on the status of each NCGP component inclusive of the paper, product, presentation, and portfolio. When added to a student's testing record these scores will print on the student's transcript.

The score type for Graduation Projects is 'Completed?' and the valid choices are 'Yes', 'No' and 'N/A'. Please refrain from using the Pass/Fail option. It is for conversion-use only.

Please contact the NCDPI Service Desk at [help@dpi.state.nc.us](mailto:help@dpi.state.nc.us) or 919-807-4357 for instructions on how to enter this information.

4. New Attendance Code 1N

The code, 1N, should be used to record an absence pertaining to military deployment activities.

This can be defined as a student whose parent or legal guardian is an active duty member of the uniformed services and has been called to duty for, is on leave from, or immediately returned from deployment to a combat zone or combat support posting for the purpose of visiting said parent or legal guardian.

5. Nightly Report Server Restart Time Has Been Changed

To better accommodate late-working users, the nightly NC WISE application server restart has been moved from 1:00 am to 2:00 am.

The NC WISE team would like to remind everyone that Daylight Savings Time begins at 2:00 am Sunday. Don't forget to set your clocks forward!

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