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# Digital Teaching and Learning

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## Start Time and End Time Report is Open for Corrections

The Start-Time and End-Time Report was re-opened on February 1, 2020 to give public school units (PSUs) the opportunity to make any necessary corrections or modifications. **Corrections must be completed and reports submitted by March 1.** PSUs may refer to the QRD, School Start-Times and End-Times



([https://files.nc.gov/dpi/documents/school\\_info/PS\\_QRD\\_SET.pdf](https://files.nc.gov/dpi/documents/school_info/PS_QRD_SET.pdf)), f  
or assistance.

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### Endorsement Calculation

Following the deployment of the ACT Endorsement, NCDPI became aware that the endorsements were not calculating properly. Further investigation revealed that the SAT benchmark isn't being picked up in the endorsement calculation, and some students who meet the ACT benchmark do not have the endorsement checkbox checked.

PowerSchool is working to correct this issue. NCDPI will notify PSUs when the problem has been resolved.

### FERPA and PowerSchool Parent Portal Update

The FERPA Opt-in/Opt-out feature that was planned for the PowerSchool Parent Portal has been removed from all instances and will not be implemented until August of 2020. We apologize for the inconvenience and confusion this has caused. Please continue your normal processes for collecting this data within your PSU. In the future, NCDPI will provide further guidance on this requirement for next year.

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### Next Maintenance Weekend - February 14, 2020

The next Home Base maintenance weekend is planned for Friday, February 14 through Monday, February 17, 2020. Applications scheduled for maintenance include PowerSchool only.

PowerSchool will be taken offline, Friday at 5 p.m. and returned to service no later than Monday, February 17 at 6 a.m. Once maintenance is complete, the maintenance curtain in PowerSchool will be taken down so that users will not have to wait on NCDPI's approval.



Questions or comments pertaining to this maintenance activity may be addressed to [home\\_base@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:home_base@dpi.nc.gov). Stay apprised of all Home Base planned maintenance periods by visiting our [2019-20 Home Base Maintenance Schedule](#).

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## Register Early for the CCES 2020 Conference and SAVE!

[www.ncpublicschools.org/cces/](http://www.ncpublicschools.org/cces/)

Early Bird Registration for the 2020 Connecting Communities of Education Stakeholders (CCES) Conference is now open. **This year, credit card payments will be accepted!** Rates will increase February 29, 2020.

	Registration BEFORE February 29, 2020	Registration ON/AFTER February 29, 2020
1 Day only (Monday through Wednesday)	\$150	\$175
2 Days (Monday through Wednesday)	\$200	\$225
3 Days (Monday through Wednesday)	\$250	\$275
Post-Conference (Thursday)	\$75	\$100

All teachers, student services personnel, principals, superintendents, parents, school administrators, community and business representatives are invited. Our registration options provide flexibility for schools and districts. Visit the Registration Webpage for more information.

**Registration Link:** [bit.ly/CCES2020Registration](http://bit.ly/CCES2020Registration)

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## Register Now for the 3rd Round of Home Base Meet-Ups!

The third round of Home Base Meet-Ups for the 2019-20 school year is scheduled for Monday, February 24 through Thursday, February 27, 2020.

Don't miss this great opportunity to collaborate and network with your peers face-to-face. Live stream options for all products will be offered for those who cannot attend a face-to-face session.

For complete registration details, please link to the [February 2020 HBMU Invitation](#). Click on the [Home Base Meet-Up Registration](#) link to register, and visit the [Home Base Meet-Ups 2019-20 Schedule](#) for future meeting dates and locations.



## Annual State Technology Directors Meeting Registration and New Recognition Program

The Annual Technology Directors' meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 4 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM** in Room 402 at the Raleigh Convention Center. The theme this year is *Reimagining Collaboration and Support!* Light snacks will be served. Please register at [bit.ly/NCTIESDirectorsRegistration](http://bit.ly/NCTIESDirectorsRegistration).

Through a partnership with NCTIES, NCCoSN, and NCDPI DTL, we will honor one of our very own Technology Directors/CTOs as the **North Carolina Director of Technology/Chief Technology Officer of The Year**. If you would like to participate by nominating a colleague or yourself, please complete the [NC Director of Technology/CTO of the Year application](#). **All applications are due by 12 noon, February 14.**

The purpose is to recognize a Technology Leader (Director or CTO) in a Public School Unit (PSU) whose impact on technology's role in transforming learning has been significant. Any Technology Director or Chief Technology Officer may apply or be nominated who meets the eligibility criteria outlined below.

### CTO/Technology Director-of- the-Year Eligibility Criteria

1. CTO/Director must have a minimum of 5 years' experience as a Director/CTO within North Carolina.
2. CTO/Director currently occupies a Director of Technology/CTO role in an NC Public School Unit.
3. All candidates must attend the State Technology Directors' Meeting at NCTIES.

### Process

1. Each nominee or person nominating the candidate must complete the application [form](#).
2. Each application will be reviewed by a committee made up of Steering Committee members and in year 2 the previous DTOY. Each candidate who meets the eligibility criteria will be scored based on the [rubric](#).
3. If a tie occurs, a vote will take place between finalists.
4. All finalists will be invited to the Annual State Technology Directors/CTO's Meeting held at the NCTIES conference.
5. The finalist will be announced annually at the meeting.

We look forward to seeing you on March 4 to collaborate, network and learn together through discussions and roundtable events.



## SAVE THE DATE - February 27!

### Innovate! Every Classroom, Every Day

Digital Learning Day 2020 is February 27! Save the date and join thousands of educators and students in celebrating #DLDay. [www.digitalllearningday.org](http://www.digitalllearningday.org)

# WEBINARS



Greetings Learners!

It is with excitement that we announce upcoming Learning.com virtual professional learning opportunities. The webinar topics offered are based on feedback received from the Learning.com Needs Assessment Survey. Please visit <http://bit.ly/lcomspringpd2020> for the event invitation and registration links.

Participants may qualify for .1 CEU (equals to 1 hour of credit) for participating in the LIVE session of each webinar. We encourage you to share this invitation with your educators!

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## NCWiseOwl Webinars

Four NCWiseOwl Gale Webinars are available. All webinars offer CEUs from GALE including full viewing of recorded webinars and alignment to the NC Digital Learning Competencies. Detailed descriptions for each webinar are located in the [NCWO Toolkit](#) on [the Professional Learning Page](#). Gale also houses [recorded webinars and registration](#) as a service for NC.



**AUDIENCE:** Teachers, Instructional Coaches, School Library Media, Instructional Technology, Other Certified Support Staff

- **18-Feb-2020 3:30-4:15 PM - [REGISTER](#) for Support STEM with your NCWiseOwl Gale Resources**
  - **10-Mar-2020 7-7:45 PM - [REGISTER](#) for NCWiseOwl: Gale Resources and Tools for EL and SPED Students**
  - **14-Apr-2020 3:30-4:15 PM - [REGISTER](#) for CTE and your Gale Resources from NCWiseOwl**
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## NCEES Webinars

Mark your calendars for the upcoming NCEES webinars. All webinars will be recorded and posted to the Webinar Series document located on <http://bit.ly/ncees-support>. Click the titles below to register. Please click the following link to review the full list: [NCEES 2019-2020 Webinars](#) .

### UPCOMING WEBINARS:

#### 1. [New Assistant Principal NCEES Series 4](#)

**Note:** Participants only register 1 time for all 10 meetings included in the series.

**Description:** New assistant principals need consistent ongoing support. This New Assistant Principal NCEES Series will offer 10 meetings over the 2019-20 school year. Each meeting will address *timely topics* to support NCEES, ensuring fair and reliable practices for assistant principals to support teacher growth. This series will also focus on the growth and development of the AP using the NC School Executive Standards within the AP evaluation process.

An agenda outline for all 10 meetings has been developed. In addition, participants will have a [link to submit questions and ideas](#) for topics/ standards to be covered throughout the series. This participant driven agenda will provide relative professional development that is immediately applicable for leader success. A deeper study of the standards will be guided by the feedback survey. Also note: The agenda may change throughout the series depending on professional development needs of the participants.

[Link to agenda outline for all 10 meetings](#)

**Target Audience:** NEW Assistant Principals

**Remaining Dates:** February 25, March 31, April 28, May 26, June 16

**Time:** 4-5 p.m.

#### 2. [Providing Quality Feedback and the Summative Evaluation](#)

**Description:** The Summative Evaluation can be difficult and stressful for the evaluator and the teacher. This webinar will provide ways to use the language of the Professional Teaching Standards and the rubric to ensure accurate and reliable feedback as it relates to the Summative Evaluation. Effective feedback strategies and practices will be discussed, including how to structure a framework/protocol for the Summary Evaluation Conference.

**Target Audience:** Observers and Evaluators

**Remaining Dates:** March 3

**Time:** 4-5 p.m.

#### 3. [EOY for Teachers/ Support Staff](#)

**Description:** Participants will gain an understanding of the process for completing the Professional Development Plan End-of-Year Review. Teachers will explore the steps leading to the Summary Evaluation

Conference, how to complete the signatures acknowledging the summary evaluation and how to provide a written response and artifacts.

**Target Audience:** Teachers and Support Staff, Evaluators, Observers

**Remaining Dates:** March 10

**Time:** 4-5 p.m.



## Need Technical Assistance?

**There are 3 ways to request PowerSchool support:**

1. CHAT: Chat support will be available for you through the PowerSchool Community at: [Launch Chat Support](#)
2. CASE: Submit a case via the PS PORTAL: <https://help.powerschool.com/>
3. CALL: **1-855-339-4790** (*This is a dedicated NC Support line.*)

\*Please ensure you are dialing the dedicated NC line when contacting support via phone.

\*\* If you are reporting an outage or performance issue (P0 or P1), please CALL or use CHAT. This ensures immediate attention by PowerSchool support.

\*\*\*For all other Home Base support needs (*Schoolnet, NCEES/Unified Talent, IAM/SSO (NCEdCloud), Staff & Student UID (eScholar)*) contact the Home Base Support Center via web: [https://ncgov.service-now.com/sp\\_dpi](https://ncgov.service-now.com/sp_dpi) (24/7), or phone (919) 716-1840 (Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.).

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Remember to visit the [NC SIS website](#) for additional information including webinars and training documentation. Follow us on twitter [@NCHomeBase](#).

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