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Home Base Maintenance Weekend

The next Home Base Maintenance Weekend will take place April 17-20. This maintenance will only include the PowerSchool application.

PowerSchool Upgrade

Maintenance will entail the **PowerSchool v19.11.0.2 Upgrade** that was scheduled to take place in March. New features and enhancements are located in [release notes](#) for PowerSchool SIS 19.11.0.0 through 19.11.0.2. Additionally, DPI has developed QRDs to briefly document new features available to [administrators](#) and [teachers](#).



Student Parents Contacts

NCDPI recommends all public school units (PSUs) to run the [autodialer export](#), *Student Parents Contacts*, from NCDPI Reports in PowerSchool before PowerSchool goes down at 5:00 p.m. on Friday.

This report will give you the most current North Carolina contact data from PowerSchool. PSUs can use this report for student contact information until PowerSchool returns to service. For assistance with running this export, click on the quick reference document (QRD) below.

Autodialer QRD: https://files.nc.gov/dpi/documents/school_info/PS_QRD_Autodialer.pdf

EDDIE Feed

The Educational Directory and Demographical Information Exchange (EDDIE) feed to PowerSchool will be disabled so that PSUs may begin updating their information or creating new schools in preparation for next year scheduling and student transitions prior to EOY. All changes made in PowerSchool for the current year, before EOY and after the EDDIE feed is disabled, must be updated in EDDIE manually until the EDDIE data feed is restored. If the data is not accurately reflected in both PowerSchool and EDDIE when the feed is enabled, these changes will be overwritten by what is in EDDIE, since it is the authoritative source. **The EDDIE feed will be restored after EOY is completed.**

PowerSchool will be taken offline Friday, April 17 at 5 p.m. and will resume operations no later than Monday, April 20 at 6 a.m. More information pertaining to this maintenance period and upgrade will be provided as received.



PowerSchool Plugin “Find Me”

PSUs using the "Find Me" plugin will need to delete this plugin from their PowerSchool instance prior to this weekend's upgrade to prevent duplication. When PowerSchool is upgraded to 19.11.0.2, it will also contain a core function "Find Me."

The PowerSchool "Find Me" core function does not provide the find me function in PowerTeacher, so a plugin has been created that PSUs can install in their instances AFTER the upgrade has taken place. It will provide the same find me function as the "Find Me" in the core product.

DPI has developed a [QRD detailing the new Find Me feature and new plugin](#). The plugin can be [downloaded from PowerSource](#). If you have any questions, please contact Russell Dixon (lawrence.dixon@dpi.nc.gov), Tessa Hine (tessa.hine@dpi.nc.gov) or John Mairs (john.mairs@dpi.nc.gov).

COVID-19 Grading for Seniors QRD and Recording

The Home Base team would like to thank you for your patience as we worked to develop guidance for grading high school seniors in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. In consultation with multiple DPI divisions and a group of PowerSchool administrators in the field, the team has developed the [COVID-19 Grading for Seniors Quick Reference Guide](#). Additionally, we have also [developed a brief walkthrough video to help explain this process](#). This process has been designed with eyes toward both student equity and ease of entry for PowerSchool coordinators and administrators.



Please be sure to review this documentation closely. If you have any questions or concerns about the process, utilize the form linked at the end of the quick reference guide or log a ticket with PowerSchool Support.



Last Round of 2019-20 Home Base Meet-Ups

Registration is open for the last round of the 2019-20 Home Base Meet-Ups! These meetings are devised for Home Base participants to meet, network and collaborate with their peers. The meet-ups are scheduled for Monday, April 27 through Friday, May 1.

Due to COVID-19 and this unprecedented time, we have shifted the Home Base Meet-Ups to a virtual format. We feel collaboration is more important now than ever before, and we hope you can join us

virtually!

For complete registration details, please link to the [Home Base Meet-Ups Invite](#) and select the virtual session registration links to register.

Home Base Opt-in Process Delayed until May 15, 2020

The Home Base Opt-in process will be delayed for the 2020-21 school year to better accommodate our PSUs during these uncertain times. Districts and charter schools can opt-in and take advantage of the full suite of Home Base applications and its many new features starting May 15, 2020!



The cost to districts and charters will remain the same as last year - \$1/Allotted ADM. The deadline for opting in will remain as June 15, 2020.



Looking for Online PD for Credit?

NC Administrators and Staff may be researching the [NC Educator Effectiveness System](#) PD for Staff to complete while working remote.

NOTE: Not all staff have access to this online system.

Educator Effectiveness Department created courses listed here: rt3nc.org. These online professional modules offered are only available in NCDPI's Home Base/NCEES system. Access to online PD in the Home Base system is managed through an active employee ID Number, so only current employees of North Carolina Public School Districts or Charter Schools can access Home Base. There is no mechanism for others to access and use the educator resources housed in the Home Base system.

What follows are suggested PD Resources for CEU credits, not all are endorsed by NCDPI. DPI Open Access Modules are free, the rest may have a cost. Staff should follow local PSU guidelines and policies to obtain approval for taking PD outside that are offered locally.

Click Here: [Online Professional Development for Credit Resources](#)



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Dear Educators,

In a matter of a few weeks, things that we thought were important and relevant have changed. We understand the impact this virus is having on all of you and the parent and students that you ultimately serve. We are here to support you as you may need.

Remember that as you shift toward a “learn-at-home” model, please consider including the resources you already have access to from Learning.com’s EasyTech and EasyCode so that your students can continue to develop their digital literacy and coding skills. Many of the EasyTech and EasyCode lessons are student-led and auto-scored, which will lower the impact on teachers. We are hopeful that this will provide engaging resources for your students while they learn from home.

Also, in response to increased interest, I am proud to offer **more virtual learning opportunities beginning Wednesday, April 15th**. For the event invitation and registration information, please navigate to: <http://bit.ly/lcomvirtual2020>. This would be a great opportunity for your educators to learn about the student-led and auto-scored lessons that are aligned to the North Carolina Digital Learning Standards that they already have access too! Live participation = .1 CEU credit! Please share this invitation with your educators!

You can stay abreast of Learning.com’s support for distance learning by visiting this page for the most current news: <https://info.learning.com/virtual-learning-resources>.

Questions? Contact Tiffany Kinney at tkinney@learning.com

FREE
Webinars



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 or dates below to register. Please click the following link to review the full list and to access past recorded sessions: [NCEES 2019-2020 Webinars](#).

UPCOMING WEBINARS:

1. New Assistant Principal NCEES Series

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

Description: New assistant principals need consistent ongoing support.

Remaining Dates: Tue, Apr 28, Tue, May 26, Jun 16, 2020

Time: 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM EDT

2. NEW! Expanding the Pathway to PD 2020 - Part 1 & Part 2

Notes: NCEES Training Site Account logins will be made available at the start of the webinar.

Description: "Expanding the Pathway to PD - Part 1, May 5th(AM) and May 7th(PM)" training webinars will cover in depth how to manage a local PSU PD Office within NCEES PD component to create all types of Learning Opportunities and award CEUs to your educators. "Expanding the Pathway to PD - Part 2, May 12th(AM) and May 14th(PM)" training webinar will cover in depth how to manage Learning Opportunity Rosters, local PD Playlists and Transfer Credit Manager to record CEUs for administrators, teachers and support staff.

Target Audience: Administrators in NCEES supporting Professional Learning/Development

Click Date to Register for Part 1: [Tue, May 5 10AM-12PM](#) or [Tue, May 7 1PM-3PM](#)

Click Date to Register for Part 2: [Tue, May 12 10AM-12PM](#) or [Tue, May 14 1PM-3PM](#)

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

4. EOY for Principals [Recording](#) and [Presentation](#)

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

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