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Home Base Maintenance Weekend - May 15-18

The next Home Base Maintenance Weekend is planned for Friday, May 15 through Monday, May 18, 2020. This maintenance will only include the PowerSchool application.

During this maintenance period, changes to the AIG reporting dates will be implemented to reflect the new submission window due to COVID-19. For full details, see the article below titled, "AIG Spring Headcount Collection."



PowerSchool will be taken offline, Friday at 5 p.m. and returned to service no later than Monday, May 18 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. Stay apprised of all Home Base planned maintenance periods by visiting our [2019-20 Home Base Maintenance Schedule](#).



AIG Spring Headcount Collection

Recently, we gathered input about the AIG Headcount collection date to determine the needs of districts and participating charters. While many impacted expressed feeling prepared to move forward with our usual April collection, many others are facing significant access issues that would impede their ability to report the headcount accurately using our usual window. Therefore, we have decided to **move the AIG Spring Headcount submission window back to June 1 - June 15, 2020 for this year due to the COVID-19 impact on schools and districts**. It is imperative to note that with this late window so close to

many end of year processes, we will not have any flexibility to extend the deadline or re-open district instances to fix data. With this later window, we will need all data approved at both the school and LEA level no later than June 15, 2020

COVID-19 Calendar Changes for 2020-2021 QRD

Following the passage of [SL2020.3](#), the Home Base team has created a [NEW QRD titled COVID-19 Calendar Changes for 2020-2021](#) to assist PowerSchool Coordinators in implementing the mandated calendar requirements for 2020-2021. This QRD walks through everything that must be updated by coordinators who have already begun building out the 2020-2021 school year.



For technical assistance, please log a ticket with PowerSchool Support. Thank you!



3M Science at Home

3M Science at Home is a collaboration between Discovery Education and the Bakken Museum.

3M is a strong supporter of the STEM and Education programming. The site shares experiments that are designed to reinforce Core Scientific principles. Each experiment uses common household items; which are generally 3-6 items. The preparation and the procedures are given. The Observation and Results begin with a question that follows through with a detailed description on the findings.

Grade Level – Experiments can be performed by Grades 1 – 12. Adult supervision is encouraged for each experiment.

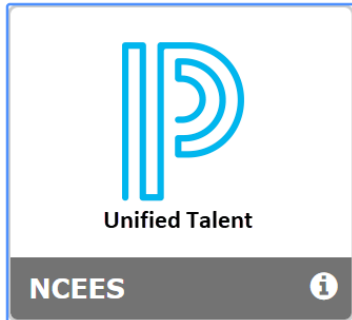
Subject - Physical Science: PS1 – Matter and Interaction, PS2 – Motion, Stability, Forces and Interactions, PS3 - Energy

Access – www.3m.com

Supporting Information – The Key Concepts section details what the focus of the experiment is about; and the Introduction and Background gives more insight into the experiment. More to Explore has discussion questions that enforce the learning concept behind the experiment.

Standard Requirements – Next Generation Science Standard (NGSS)

NOTE: Please check PSU policies and consider HIPPA, FERPA, and COPPA laws with regards to student privacy BEFORE implementing any **free resources**.



2019-20 Evaluation Completion Status Memo

Recommendations regarding guidance on completing staff evaluations in the NC Educator Effectiveness System (NCEES) may be viewed by linking to the [Evaluation Memo 20200514USE](#). Questions concerning the content of this document may be directed to Tom Tomberlin, NCDPI Educator Recruitment and Support, thomas.tomberlin@dpi.nc.gov.

A screenshot of the Learning.com website interface. At the top, the Learning.com logo is on the left, and 'Parent Resources' is on the right. Below the logo is a banner with the text 'Let's Start Learning' and 'Pick a grade to begin' with an arrow pointing to a row of grade-level buttons (K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8). The 'Kindergarten' button is selected, and a dropdown menu shows 'English'. Below this, two video thumbnails are displayed with their titles and durations: '1 Computer Fundamentals: Mouse, Select, Drag, and Double-click 8 minutes' and '2 Computer Fundamentals: Processors, Input and Output Devices 9 minutes'.

Learning.com Provides Free Access to Digital Skills Online Playlist

On Wednesday, April 29, 2020 Learning.com released a FREE Digital Skills Playlist!

NCDPI is happy to share that Learning.com's online version of their K-8 student-led digital literacy lessons is free for all teachers and students to access and use. The Digital Skills Playlist includes grade-specific lessons of individualized digital videos with an interactive and gamified interface that students complete at their own pace.

This subset of Learning.com's full digital literacy curriculum does not require a unique student log-in or district/school-level rostering. **NC public school unit (PSU) administrators or teachers can complete the form to receive a unique link for their students, allowing them to engage and gain access to critical digital literacy content during this learn-at-home season. If you are a teacher or administrator, you can share it with as many of your teachers, parents, and students as you want.**

We are very excited to make this available to all NC educators! Please click here for more information: <https://info.learning.com/digital-skills-playlist>. If you have any questions, please contact Learning.com's State Program Manager, Tiffany Kinney, tkinney@learning.com.



FREE
Webinars



NCEES Webinars

NEW! NCEES CEUs - My PD, My Courses, My Transcript

Participants will learn in this hands-on training NCEES webinar how earned credits (CEUs) can show on the staff's "My Transcript", how to locate and take NCDPI and Locally Created Professional Learning Opportunities in

NCEES, how to manage "My Courses", and how to enter Credit Request.

Date & Time: To be Announced (May)

Target Audience: Teachers, Support Staff, Administrators

New Assistant Principal NCEES Series

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

Description: Consistent ongoing support for New assistant principals.

Remaining Dates: Tue, **May 26**, Jun 16, 2020

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

Did you miss it?

- **Expanding the Pathway to PD 2020 - Part 1 Tuesday** [Recording](#) and [Presentation](#)
- **Expanding the Pathway to PD 2020 - Part 1 Thursday** [Recording](#) and [Presentation](#)
- **New Assistant Principal NCEES Series - Tue, Apr 28** [Recording](#) and [Presentation](#)
- **EOY for Teachers/ Support Staff** [Recording](#) and [Presentation](#)
- **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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