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## NC SIS Weekly Email Bulletin

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### Congratulations, Emily Jones!

**On Thursday, June 11, Emily Jones from New Hanover County Schools was virtually recognized as the 2020 PowerSchool Innovator Award recipient!**

This prestigious award is given to individuals who embrace and apply creative, outside-the-box thinking to the toughest problems in education. These recipients view challenges as opportunities to bring innovative solutions and ideas to enhance education.

Emily received the highest number of nominations in all categories. This was the first time any individual had received these many nominations. **(Go Emily!)**

Please help us congratulate Emily Jones for her phenomenal achievement!



### Deadline Approaching: Opt-in to Home Base Now!

Coordinators and data managers, please remind your finance officers and charter school directors that the Home Base Opt-in Process is open until **June 15, 2020**. Any PSU that does not opt into Home Base for the 2020-2021 school year will lose access to Schoolnet and the NCEES PD Office Component.

Detailed information can be viewed by visiting our [NCDPI Home Base Opt-in page](#) and the [Home Base Pricing Memo from Dr. Beverly Emory](#). Questions concerning this process may be addressed to Yolanda Wilson, [yolanda.wilson@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:yolanda.wilson@dpi.nc.gov).

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## Grading Rules for 2019-20 School Year

The current 2019-2020 school year is in effect until **June 30, 2020**. Therefore, the grading rules associated with 2019-2020 school year still apply until **June 30, 2020**. Any grade that a student receives in summer school will follow the State Board of Education grading policy for COVID-19.



### AIG Spring Headcount Collection

Please be reminded that the AIG Spring Headcount submission window was moved 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.

### -9 (XG) Update

The deployment of -9 (XG) into the NC PowerSchool instances was unsuccessful. PowerSchool is investigating the issue and plans to push it out as soon as they discover what went wrong.



### Newly Designated PowerSchool Technical Contacts Training

The Home Base team is planning a PowerSchool IPT Certification and Training session for PowerSchool coordinators who were designated as PowerSchool technical contacts (TCs) for their PSUs on or after 12/31/2019. [Please complete this Google Form to request certification testing and/or training.](#)



## Common Sense Media

[Common Sense Media](#) is a non-profit organization that was established in 2003 to help parents navigate through the immense amount of information that is privy to kids of all ages on the web. Common Sense has made the task simple for parents by researching videos, movies/TV, books, apps and music. The site is family oriented and the material is for ages ranging from toddler to young adults (age 18).

[Learn how they rate and review](#)

**Common Sense Media** rates TV shows, books, and music. *Their vision for media is: Families taking charge of their digital choices.*

**Common Sense Education** supports K-12 schools. According to the site, Their Digital Citizenship Curriculum prepares students with lifelong habits and skills. They offer support for teachers with training and recognition, and engage families and communities with helpful tips and tools. Their vision for education is, *"Students thriving as learners, leaders, and citizens in the digital age"*.

**Common Sense Kids Action** works together with policymakers, business leaders as well as advocates to ensure that all kids can succeed. Their purpose is to assure that parents and educators are informed and up to date in the world of technology. *Their vision for kids' action is, "Technology that works to support families and society"*.

There are so many options on the site to filter through. First, you can filter by age. Next, the Entertainment section consists of over 10,000 movies, 4800 games, 4600 apps., 1311 websites, 6800 TV shows and close to 6000 books to choose/filter. The music genre spans from children's music, hip hop, christian rock, adult contemporary, rap, indie rock, punk rock, etc., etc., etc. Topics include cars and trucks, dinosaurs, magic and fantasy, superheroes, sports and martial arts. The list goes on and on. There is truly something for everybody. There is even a section recommended by other parents and sites that are popular with kids.

There are 3 tabs located at the top of the page: For Parents, For Educators and For Advocates

**For Parents** – Under this section, parents can see reviews for shows, books, etc., before their child watches it. There is also a parenting podcast called, “ Parent Trapped by Ann Marie Baldonado”, that discusses life, work, and learning with kids at home.

**For Educators** – This section includes a featured resource segment that focuses on topics that educators may want to discuss in the classroom. For example, because this is an election year, one of the featured resources provides the teacher with news and media literacy to enable them to discuss the election more in detail and at a level that the students will understand.

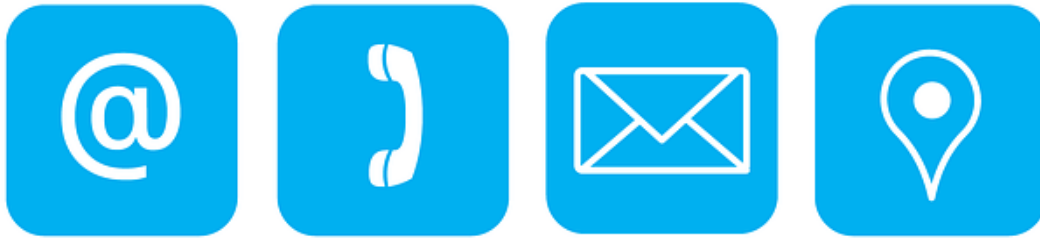
**For Advocates** – This section gives a briefing of how common-sense is advocating for kids today.

Lastly, Common Sense also provides 3 ways for you to become a member of their organization. You may join as a parent, educator or advocate. You can also connect to Common Sense Media through – Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube and LinkedIn.

A special Thank You to Kathy Parker for sharing this site with us.

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

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## NCDPI Technology Support Center

NCDPI's Technology Support Center continues to meet your support needs for:

- Schoolnet
- NCEES/Unified Talent
- IAM/SSO (NCEdCloud)
- Staff & Student UID (eScholar)



**Support availability:** Web: [https://ncgov.service-now.com/sp\\_dpi](https://ncgov.service-now.com/sp_dpi) - 24/7

Phone: **919-716-1840**, Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. (excluding state holidays)

Technical support for SIS needs is handled directly by PowerSchool support using Chat, Call, or opening a Case ticket.

### **Reminder! Phone Number for NCDPI Technology Support Center has Changed to 919-716-1840**

Last year, NCDPI's Technology Support Center changed its phone number to **919-716-1840**. Calls to the old number have been forwarded, but the phone company's forwarding service **will be ending soon**. To

ensure we continue to meet your support needs without issue, please make sure you are calling us at our new support center number.

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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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