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Thank You for Attending This Week's Home Base Meet-Ups!

The Digital Teaching and Learning Home Base Team sincerely appreciates each and every one of you who attended our virtual Home Base Meet-Ups this week. Your engagement and overwhelmingly positive feedback have not gone unnoticed.

We also want to thank our vendor and PSU presenters who supported our efforts by sharing valuable information and being available for questions from our audience. It is this type of collaboration and teamwork that creates and supports digital innovation in our public schools.

If you were unable to attend or would like a refresher on what took place, please link to the Home Base product recordings and presentations below.

Recordings:

- NCEES: <https://youtu.be/znvR4MxJ7CI>
- Schoolnet: <https://youtu.be/v-ewy1jzgF0>
- PowerSchool: <https://youtu.be/tbQoHSgIN48>
- Learning.com: <https://youtu.be/4Dv5X93JSPc>
- Canvas: https://youtu.be/v1me5IM_V3Y
- #GoOpenNC: <https://youtu.be/ZvcWTO0mtKg>

Presentations:

- HBMU NCEES July 2020 - bit.ly/hbmujuly2020ncees
- HBMU LCOM July 2020 - <https://bit.ly/lcomhbmujuly2020july>
- HBMU Schoolnet July 2020 - bit.ly/snhbmujuly20
- HBMU Canvas July 2020 - bit.ly/canvashbmujuly20
- HBMU #GoOpenNC July 2020 - bit.ly/goopenncbmujuly20
- HBMU PowerSchool July 2020 - <https://bit.ly/HBMUsummer2020>

Those who attended this week's HBMUs and have not completed our survey, please provide your feedback by linking to this survey: [HBMU Feedback](#). The next round of Home Base Meet-Ups are tentatively scheduled for September 21-25. Registration will be available two weeks before the event to give everyone the opportunity to:

1. provide input on the topics for discussion at our next meet-up.
2. present on best practices or lessons learned in your public school unit when using a Home Base product.

If you have any questions concerning our Home Base Meet-Ups, please contact us at home_base@dpi.nc.gov.

HBMU Virtual Schedule 20-21

HOME BASE™

September 2020

November 2020

February 2021

April 2021

21	Monday NCEES	16	Monday NCEES	15	Monday NCEES	26	Monday NCEES
22	Tuesday Schoolnet	17	Tuesday Schoolnet	16	Tuesday Schoolnet	27	Tuesday Schoolnet
23	Wednesday PowerSchool	18	Wednesday PowerSchool	17	Wednesday PowerSchool	28	Wednesday PowerSchool
24	Thursday Canvas	19	Thursday Canvas	18	Thursday Canvas	29	Thursday Canvas
25	Friday #GoOpenNC	20	Friday #GoOpenNC	19	Friday #GoOpenNC	30	Friday #GoOpenNC

Rollout of Initial Year Enrollment and Attendance Codes - Restart Required

As stated earlier this week, NCDPI has put in place processes for initial year enrollment and attendance during remote instruction. The new attendance codes for PreK and Present-Off-Site will be added into PowerSchool tonight after normal business hours. A brief outage (restart) will be required when pushing out the codes.



Details on how to use these codes are available in the following documents.

- [Attendance Updates.pdf](#)
- [Recommended Policy Change for Attendance 7 20 2020.pdf](#)



Newly Designated PowerSchool Technical Contacts Training - Updated Link

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.

WEBINARS

HOME BASE NC Educator Effectiveness System

[Home](#) [My Evaluation](#) [Staff Evaluations](#) [Help Guides](#) [Professional Development](#)

Check out the new NCEES 2020-21 Webinar Schedule!

Welcome to school year 2020-21! The NCDPI Home Base - NCEES Team is here to support you!

Please check out your NCEES Google site at bit.ly/ncees-support. This home page has information links for admins, teachers and support staff as well as great information for Beginning of Year Orientation.

Our 2020-2021 webinars with registration links (click on titles), descriptions, dates and times are posted on the NCEES Google site at <https://sites.google.com/dpi.nc.gov/ncees-information-and-resource/webinars-2020-21>. Webinars are scheduled for Tuesdays from 4-5 p.m. unless otherwise designated.

This year our webinars are in the Cisco Webex platform. All will be recorded and posted to DPI's YouTube [NCEES Playlist](#) and also on [NCEES Google site](#) which will include the presentation links for later viewing.

Please mark your August calendars for these webinars: *(titles are registration links with descriptions)*

- View on Demand - [Beginning of Year Orientation](#) (go-to-webinar sign in to view)
- Aug 4 - [Admins Start of Year with Plans, Access Rights & What's New](#)
- Aug 11 - [BOY Principals \(P/AP Plans\)](#)
- Aug 18 - [NCEES New User Basics](#)
- Aug 25 - [BOY Teacher/Support Staff \(Plans\)](#)

NCEES held informative summer webinars at #NCLearnsTogether:

- [Recording Local Professional Learning Opportunities in NCEES](#)
- [Admins Reflect, Review and Refresh for 2020-21](#)
- [CEUs MY PD My Courses My Transcript](#)

We hope you have enjoyed your summer break. Stay tuned for more Back to School News!

Sincerely,

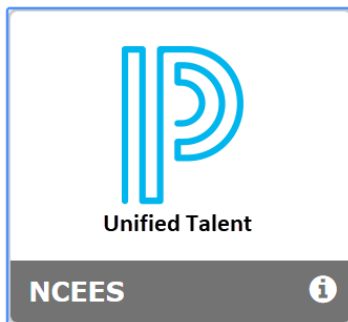
The Home Base/NCEES Team

Please share this message. If you have questions, please contact your NCEES coordinator or principal. A list of LEA and charter NCEES coordinators (Unified Talent Leads) can be found here: [dpi.nc.gov support and maintenance page](https://dpi.nc.gov/support-and-maintenance).



Back to School Webinars

A series of webinars have been created to assist new educators and refresh returning educators on the "How To's" for Schoolnet, Canvas and #GoOpenNC. These short on demand tutorials are designed to help educators get started with these Home Base instructional products. For more details, click on the following link: bit.ly/homebaseb2school20.



2020-21 NCEES Users

Welcome To NCEES!

All PSUs have access to the online evaluation component of NCEES and when PSUs opt-in to Home Base you may also utilize a local Professional Development (PD) Office in NCEES.

PSU NCEES Administrators, please review the information in our [Welcome to NCEES](#) letter.

Do you have questions about setting up NCEES? Click here to [Schedule an Office Hour](#) call with Cami Narron, Home Base Education Product Consultant.

Please also visit the [NCEES Support and Resources](#) site to find teacher and administrative manuals with supporting documents, Beginning of Year Orientation Guide, and "How To" documents with recording that you can view with administration and staff, registration for 2020-21 NCEES webinars, and much more!

Timing of UID Export Uploads to Staff UID System



As a reminder, there should be a timely and accurate exchange of data between the PSU payroll system and the staff UID system. This includes any new staff members who need access to K-12 related systems (e.g., PowerSchool, Schoolnet, NCEES, etc.).

Additionally, new staff that have been hired but who are not yet receiving a paycheck can be added to the payroll system, and subsequently included in the Staff UID export file to receive a UID. Non-payroll staff members who work with a PSU but are not entered into the payroll system can still be added to the staff UID system via the 'Add Staff' feature. Documentation for adding non-payroll staff to the staff UID system can be found at <https://files.nc.gov/dpi/documents/UID/acquiring-uid-for-non-payroll-staff.pdf>.



Discontinued Databases in NCWiseOwl

As a part of our ongoing commitment to supporting remote learning with instructional resources, we are excited to be able to continue providing digital content through the longstanding [NCWiseOwl](#) reference databases, periodicals, journals, collections, reference centers and eBooks. For 2020-21 school year our offerings have been modified to better fit classroom needs. **Gale in Context and Gale General One File products will be discontinued.** The main [NCWiseOwl](#) website and accompanying [Toolkit](#) will reflect these changes. This [chart](#) provides guidance for the changes offering alternatives for each discontinued resource.

Remaining offerings include leveled Explora research interfaces, reference centers and publications. We are also happy to highlight that over 40,000 eBooks remain available for the coming school year! To make use of these please utilize the materials available in the [eBooks](#) section of the Toolkit. This section includes a chart with downloadable spreadsheets with data about all 40,000 titles, tutorials and an accompanying presentation for use as a tutorial or for providing professional learning in your districts and schools.

We look forward to supporting these valuable resources for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year! Please contact Cynthia Sartain at Cynthia.sartain@dpi.nc.gov with questions.



San Diego Zoo/Kids San Diego Zoo

Let's Go to the Zoo!!!

This site offers more than a [virtual tour](#) of the Zoo. There are 6 tabs to choose from that will lead the child on a fantastic educational journey connecting them to wildlife. Let's explore a few:

Animals

- *Type:* Amphibians arthropods, birds, fish, mammals or reptiles.
- *Area:* Americas, Africa's, Asia, Antarctica, Arctic Circle, Europe, Middle East or Pacific Islands.
- *Endangered Status:* endangered, some endangered, dangered, some threatened, stable and threatened.

Exemplar: Birds, Caribbean (North America), StableResult: [American Flamingo](#) (aka Caribbean Flamingo) - When you click on the picture it provides facts about the Flamingo: it's height, habitat and diet, how they eat, and unique features of the Flamingo.

Stories

- Animal babies,
- Animal care
- Animal species,
- Discovery
- Fun facts.

Choosing [discovery](#) gives the option to learn about a baby koala, secretive snake, apes, carnivorous plants or wild locals.

Activities

- Activities include a variety of arts and crafts, and even recipes to make pet treats or polar bear treats.

Games

- Offers games that kids can easily enjoy and conquer.

Under the Grown Ups tab, you will find information on curriculums, a Safari Park self-guided field trip and a teacher resource guide.

San Diego Zoo Global is a world leader in conservation. Their researchers, keepers, scientists, and other staff are dedicated professionals that strive to share the latest and most accurate information regarding wildlife and habitats.



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.servicenow.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.

Important!

In order to make ServiceNow more secure, DIT has updated ServiceNow. This update includes a new Web Portal URL. Please be sure to update your bookmarks. When opening a ticket with the DPI Support Center please use the following new URL: https://ncgov.servicenowservices.com/sp_dpi

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.

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

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