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December 2019 Home Base Maintenance Weekend - Cancelled

This weekend's planned Home Base maintenance has been cancelled. Several key items that were expected for this weekend's release are not ready for production. The PowerSchool application will undergo a restart of all instances beginning tonight at 7 p.m. All other Home Base systems will be available throughout the weekend.



Questions or comments pertaining to maintenance 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](#).



Definition of High Quality Reading Instruction (Birth - 12th Grade) Survey

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) convened a B-12 Literacy Team with cross-divisional/cross-area involvement to examine the alignment of policy, legislation, instructional practices, initiatives, and programs to support literacy in NC Public Schools. Subsequently, and in line with the focus to improve student reading proficiency in the early grades, the State Board of Education (SBE) adopted a Collaborative Guiding Framework for Action on Early Reading. NCDPI is developing action steps for each of the priorities, including new or revised SBE policies, NCDPI initiatives using existing resources, and legislative recommendations, including both recommended statutory revisions and appropriations requests.

The first action of the framework is to develop a definition of high quality reading instruction that is aligned with the National Reading Panel and current research to guide state policy and practice in reading from Birth - 12th Grade. NCDPI has also held three regional stakeholder meetings to gather feedback on a working definition of high quality reading instruction. Stakeholder groups were comprised of Administrators, Advocacy Group Leaders, Faculty from Institutions of Higher Education, Practitioners, Parents, District and State Leadership, Organization Leaders, and Literacy Leaders.

From December 11, 2019 - January 11, 2020, NCDPI is launching the Definition of High Quality Reading Instruction (Birth - 12th Grade) Survey for widescale public review. The survey results will inform the final state definition of high quality reading instruction, Birth - 12th Grade.

Survey Link: https://ncdpi.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_aUZP5pakex194aN

Thank you for your time and input on the Definition of High Quality Reading Instruction (Birth - 12th Grade) Survey.

Home Base Meet-Ups, Thank you!

Many, many thanks to all Dec. 9-12 Home Base Meet-Up attendees! Your participation in the sharing of ideas among your peers is always appreciated. HBMU sessions were also available as a live stream. Recordings may be viewed at the links below:

- PowerSchool - <https://youtu.be/MQVGGVco7MY>
- NCEES - <https://youtu.be/pcyRDMcT4Ps>
- Canvas - <https://youtu.be/lieIaVxrdWU>
- Schoolnet - <https://youtu.be/zLyrdB83NKQ>

As you reflect on your experience, please provide your feedback by completing this survey: [HBMU Feedback](#).

Perhaps you couldn't make it this time, or you came but would like to review what was shared. Presentations and resources are available online at <http://bit.ly/HBMUSHARED>. Please save or



bookmark this folder for future reference as we will continue to add information after each set of meetings.

The next round of Home Base Meet-Ups will take place Feb. 24-27, 2019. Registration will be available two weeks before the event to give everyone the opportunity to:

- 1) provide input on the topics to be discussed at the next Meet-Up
- 2) present on best practices or lessons learned in your public school unit when using a Home Base product.

We sincerely hope you continue to take advantage of these opportunities to partner with us. Dates and locations for the remaining sessions are below:

Home Base Meet-Ups 2019-2020			
NE/N Central	SE/Sandhills	PT/NW	SW/W
8/5/19 - North Central Johnston County Schools: AG Glenn Building 211 East Rose Street Smithfield, NC 27577	8/6/19 - Sandhills Lewis Chapel Middle School, 2150 Skibo Rd, Fayetteville, NC 28314	8/7/19- Northwest Wilkes County Stone Center 613 Cherry St. North Wilkesboro, NC 28659	8/8/19- West Rutherford County Schools Cool Springs Administrative Office 382 W. Main St., Forest City, NC 28043
SW/W	PT/NW	SE/Sandhills	NE/N Central
12/9/19- Southwest Union County Schools 721 Brewer Drive Monroe, NC 28812	12/10/19-Piedmont Triad Alamance Burlington Schools	12/11/19 - Southeast WCPS Professional Development & Family Engagement Center 415 S. Virginia St. Goldsboro, NC 27530	12/12/19 - Northeast Beaufort County Educational Tech Ctr 820 Bridge St, Washington, NC 27889
NE/N Central	SE/Sandhills	PT/NW	SW/W
2/24/20 - North Central Johnston County Schools: AG Glenn Building 211 East Rose Street Smithfield, NC 27577	2/25/20 - Sandhills Cumberland County Educational Resource Ctr 396 Elementary Dr, Fayetteville, NC 28301	2/26/20 - Northwest Northwest County Stone Center 613 Cherry St. North Wilkesboro, NC 28659	2/27/20- West Buncombe County Schools 175 Bingham Rd. Asheville, NC 28806
SW/W	PT/NW	SE/Sandhills	NE/N Central
4/27/20- Southwest Union County Schools 721 Brewer Drive Monroe, NC 28812	4/28/20- Piedmont Triad Guilford County Schools Laughlin PD Center 7911 Summerfield Rd, Summerfield, NC 27358	4/29/20 - Southeast WCPS Professional Development & Family Engagement Center 415 S. Virginia St. Goldsboro, NC 27530	4/30/20 - Northeast Beaufort County Educational Tech Ctr 820 Bridge St, Washington, NC 27889

PowerSchool Learning Opportunities-Reminder

NCDPI wants to hear from you. We would appreciate your feedback regarding future learning opportunities for PowerSchool SIS.

Please take a few minutes to fill out the following feedback form regarding future training opportunities.

[Feedback Form](#)



The Marvin R. Pittman

Champions for Education Awards

[Now accepting nominations for the 2020 awards!](#)

(NEW streamlined nomination form)

Nomination Categories:

- Teacher (Certified PK-12 teachers or Instructional leaders)
- Administrator (Principals, Assistant Principals)
- Support Staff (Any Certified or classified non-instructional staff member i.e PowerSchool Coordinators, Data Managers, Career Development Coordinators, Media Specialists, Special Populations Coordinators, Curriculum & Instructional Management Coordinators, School Counselors, Office, Cafeteria, Bus or Custodial staff)
- Support Staff Administrator (Central Office Personnel, Mid-Level Administrators, CTE Directors)
- Volunteer (Parent, Business, Non-profit Organization, Local Education Board Member)

Do you know someone who demonstrates an extraordinary commitment to student success? Someone who exemplifies leadership in education? Someone you believe has made a significant impact on students in NC?

Consider them for the Marvin R. Pittman Champions for Education Awards. The NC Department of Public Instruction wishes to recognize those individuals during the 2020 Connecting Communities of Education Stakeholders Conference (CCES). The purpose of the Champion Award is to share our collective belief in the power of public education and to celebrate everything that is right about our local schools and the people who make it so.

Please take a few minutes using our [new streamlined form](#) to nominate that deserving teacher, administrator, support staff, support staff administrator, or volunteer. Any individual supporting student success across NC is eligible for this award. Visit the [CCES home page](#) for more information about the conference.

Timeline	Deadline
Nominations (including self-nominations) accepted, nominees notified	December 20, 2019, 5:00 pm
Application and supporting documentation	January 15, 2020, 5:00 pm
Committee review and selection process	January 16-February 15, 2020
Winners notified	February 18, 2020
Awards luncheon	April 6, 2020

Location:
 CCES Conference
 April 5-9, 2020
 Sheraton Greensboro Four Seasons
 Koury Convention Center

Winners will receive complimentary conference registration. Send direct questions to cces@dpi.nc.gov.



CCES Call for Proposals Extended to Dec. 22

The 2020 Connecting Communities of Education Stakeholders Conference (CCES) will take place April 5-9, 2020 at The Koury Convention Center in Greensboro, NC. **The Call for Proposal window has been extended through December 22, 2019.** Please use the [2020 CCES Call for Proposals form](#) to submit proposals. In an effort to assist with the completion of the Call for Proposals, a [2020 CCES Call for Proposals - Worksheet](#) has been provided. If you submit a proposal and it is accepted, **registration fees** (*conference only, excludes post-conference*) **for the lead presenter will be waived.** Individuals selected for presentation will be notified of acceptance status by January 13, 2020.

This agency wide conference is an excellent opportunity to share your expertise with the field. This year's theme is *Building Networks for Future Success*. Three types of sessions will be featured: **Operational** [45 minutes], **Concurrent** [1 hour 45 minutes], and **Workshop** [2 hours & 45 minutes]. Please note the

following dates listed below.

Review of Important Dates

Nov 20 - **Dec. 22:** Proposal Window **EXTENDED!**

Jan. 13: Presenters notified of acceptance status

Jan. 17: Schedule Posted Online We look forward to hearing from you soon.

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The CCES Committee and DTL Home Base Team

Spread the Word! Pre-Service Teachers Wanted!

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) would like to invite undergraduate and graduate students in the field of education to serve as interns for the 2020 Connecting Communities of Education Stakeholders (CCES) Conference in April. [See invitation to apply.](#)

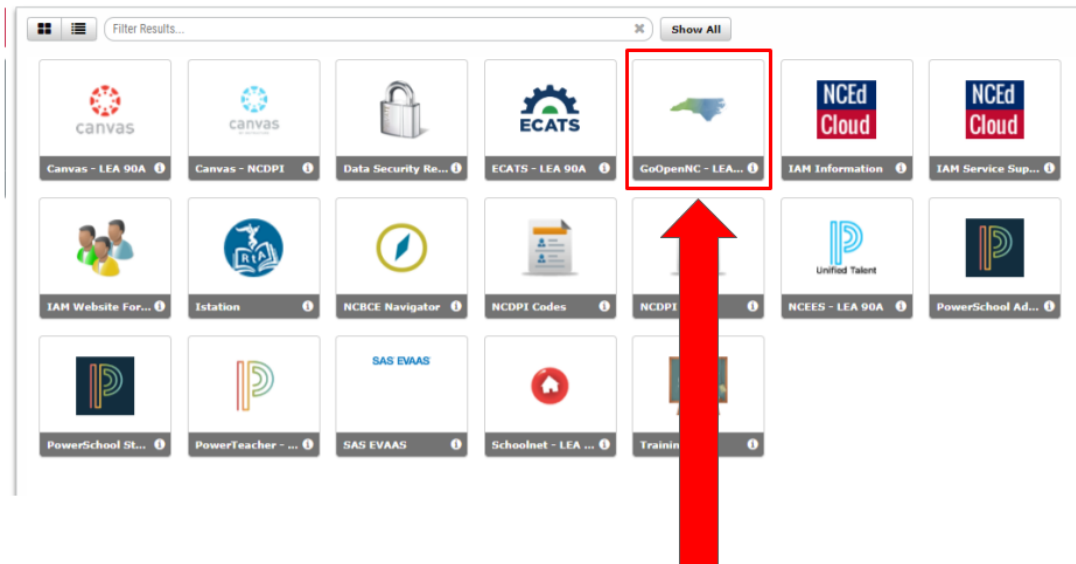
Please feel free to reach out to the CCES Internship Coordinator at stacy.daniel@dpi.nc.gov should you have any questions.



#GoOpen NC has Launched!

In case you missed it, the #GoOpenNC Team announced the launching of our statewide Open Educational Resources platform earlier this week. We invite you to join our community of practice and explore our resources aligned to the North Carolina Standard Course of Study Standards. #GoOpenNC will continue to transform as our users commit to sharing high quality, standards aligned resources and become active members of the community.

All public school unit staff can access #GoOpenNC from the NCEdCloud tray by clicking on the #GoOpenNC icon:



If you do not see the icon in your NCEdCloud tray, please reach out to our team at goopennc@dpi.nc.gov.

The #GoOpenNC team is working to continuously improve the platform and add additional openly licensed content. As content users, it is important that we understand intellectual property rights, copyright law, and open-licensing guidelines. Users have the responsibility to review and abide by the terms of use for instructional resources.

For additional information about the GoOpenNC initiative and platform, including FAQs, professional learning resources, and more, visit the [GoOpenNC Google site](#). A one hour [on-demand webinar](#) about #GoOpenNC is available to help you learn more about the platform and how to become an active member of the OER community.

The #GoOpenNC Team



New Phone Number for NCDPI Technology Center

The NCDPI's Technology Support Center main phone number has changed to: **919-716-1840** (calls to the old number will be forwarded for a period of time). Please begin calling our support center at the new number as we continue 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 - 24/7

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

Contacting PowerSchool Support

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 at https://ncgov.service-now.com/sp_dpi or phone (919) 716-1840, Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.



NCWiseOwl Webinars

Five 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

- 21-Jan-2020 3:30-4:15 PM - [REGISTER](#) for NCWiseOwl: Using Gale Resources for IBL and PBL
- 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



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 here 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: January 28, February 25, March 31, April 28, May 26, June 16

Time: 4-5 p.m.

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

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