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Opt into the Full Suite of Home Base for the 2018-19 School Year

The Home Base Opt-in Tool is now open for opting into the full suite of Home Base for the 2018-19 school year. Remember, only district finance officers and charter school principals may submit requests through the online opt-in tool for their district/school, so please spread the word!

The cost will remain the same as last year - $1/ADM which gives access to Schoolnet and local control of professional development components in Truenorthlogic. Districts and charter schools can still acquire Canvas for an additional cost of $3.74 per user through the state-negotiated convenience contract.

What can users expect?

PowerSchool (included at no additional cost)

- Standard Object Report Enhancements, Consecutive Absence Alert, Summer School Enrollments and Mass Enroll capabilities for summer school, End of Summer School Process, a State Reporting Help Feature, and Enterprise Reporting Enhancements
- PowerTeacher Pro (Gradebook) with a cleaner interface and features, such as:
  - no more Java dependencies
  - a mobile responsive design
  - the ability to import scores
  - fully integrated standards-based grading
  - built-in progress reporting
  - a professional judgment indicator that helps teachers understand which grades to focus on to determine if the final grade accurately reflects the student's level of understanding
  - ability to copy over assignments from PT Gradebook
  - a Section Readiness Report

Schoolnet
- Additional assessment features like Text to Speech, Multiple Standards Alignment, and Gap Match technology-enhanced items
- Formative assessment items for many high school Career and Technical Education courses
- More reporting features, including Benchmark Reporting Dashboard, Standard Performance Reports, and an updated Teacher Dashboard with one click access to preformatted reports

Canvas (available with state-negotiated convenience pricing)
- Robust learning management system with LTI connections available for many popular learning tools such as Flipgrid, Khan Academy, Nearpod, and Quizlet
- Canvas-supported personalized digital learning with Mastery Paths to quickly customize learner experiences based on content mastery
- Access to over 55 fully developed courses on the NC Canvas Commons including NCVPS and DLCs for Teachers content PowerSchool (included at no additional cost)

Truenorthlogic
- Updates to Local Professional Development Tracking & Course Creation and Attendance Tracking
- Updates to Educator Evaluation Instruments based on Framework for 21st Century Learning and NC Teacher Standards

We hope to see 100% district opt-in, as we had last year. For complete details, link to the letter, Home Base Opt-in Tool and Pricing, located on the Home Base website. If you have questions concerning the 2018-19 Home Base Opt-in process, visit our updated 2018-19 Home Base Opt-in FAQs. You may also contact Yolanda Wilson, Home Base Opt-in Administrator, at (919) 807-3485 or yolanda.wilson@dpi.nc.gov.

Next Home Base Maintenance Weekend - April 20-23, 2018

The next Home Base maintenance weekend is scheduled for Friday, April 20 through Sunday, April 22. PowerSchool and Schoolnet are both included in this weekend maintenance.

PowerSchool maintenance will involve the implementation of the new state collection, School Start-Time and End-Time Reporting, as mandated by state legislation G.S. 115C-12(18). A script to remove the duplicate scheduling table records that prevent the Start-Time and End-Time Data Collection Autorun from running will also be implemented. For process instructions, please review the quick reference document (QRD) School Start-Times and End-Times available on the NC SIS site to accommodate users with the new reporting requirements.

Schoolnet maintenance will involve a 19.1.11 version update that corrects reported issues that do not impact NC. Schoolnet will also load Gap Match and Graphic Gap Match Certica items that will require re-indexing, lasting approximately four hours. All Schoolnet maintenance is expected to be completed Saturday, April 21 at approximately 12:30 p.m.

Home Base will be brought down Friday, April 20 at 5 p.m. and returned to service no later than Monday, April 23 at 6 a.m. Once maintenance is completed, a message will be sent to notify users that the applications are up and available for use. If there is a delay in returning the applications to service, users will be notified.

PowerTeacher Pro Cohort II Training and Resources

PowerTeacher Pro Cohort II Training will begin Tuesday, April 17, 2018. The Home Base staff is eager to begin training and migrating the remaining districts and charters that were not part of Cohort I over to PowerTeacher Pro.

PowerTeacher Pro workshops are structured as train the trainer style sessions. Attendees are requested to bring a laptop to each session. Remember, attendees must be an employee of a NC public school.

In preparation for training, resources for teachers and administrators are available on the NC SIS site at http://www.nc-sis.org/PTP.html. These resources may also serve as excellent review materials for those districts and schools that participated in Cohort I.

Reminder: Class Size Reporting and Affidavit Deadlines Extended

All schools should now be able to view the final results of the Legislative Class Size Collection in PowerSchool. The reports are in view only mode at this time; the approval process will be coming soon. The submission deadline has been extended to **April 20, 2018**.

Details pertaining to Class Size Collection were shared at this week's Home Base Meet-Ups. Reporting instructions and frequently asked questions (FAQs) will be provided later. All questions pertaining to class size collection should be submitted to the NCDPI Home Base Support Center through Remedy with "Class Size" in the subject line.

The deadline to submit the Superintendent's affidavits is also being extended. Affidavits are due **Monday, April 30, 2018**. Please email a scanned copy to classsize@dpi.nc.gov with your LEA number listed as the first item in the subject line: "[LEA #] Class Size Affidavit." Please retain the original in your files. The updated template will be sent separately.

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

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