NC SIS Weekly Email Bulletin

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NCDPI Awards $1.8 Million to Economically Distressed Counties to Support Local K-8 Digital Literacy

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) is excited to announce a new partnership with Learning.com to improve digital literacy across the state! Nurturing students’ digital literacy skills encourages growth in areas such as computational thinking, digital citizenship and online safety, visual mapping, databases and computer fundamentals. Local Education Agencies (LEAs), Charter Schools, Lab Schools, and Innovative School District (ISD) schools within the most economically distressed counties (as determined by the North Carolina Department of Commerce Tier One designation) will now be eligible to receive funding totaling approximately $1.8 million for implementation and adoption support provided by the Digital Learning Initiative (DLI).

For complete details, please click on the K-8 Digital Literacy Announcement. You may also visit the Home Base website's Learning.com page.

2018-19 End of Year Process and EDDIE Feed

The 2018-19 EOY Process for the Home Base Suite of Applications will begin Friday, June 28, 2019. Home Base will be taken offline Friday at 5:00 p.m. EOY processing and archiving of data will begin Saturday morning, June 29, 2019. Once all EOY tasks are completed and systems tested, Home Base will be returned to service. More information on the return to service date will be provided at a later date.

In preparation for EOY, NCDPI realizes many LEAs will need to update school information or create new schools to permit next year scheduling and student transitions prior to EOY. For this reason, the nightly feeds from EDDIE (Educational Directory and Demographical Information Exchange) into PowerSchool will be discontinued on Friday, April 26, 2019 at 5 p.m. The EDDIE feed will remain off until the completion of PowerSchool’s EOY process. Once completed, a notice will be sent prior to reactivating the feed.

Important note: After the EDDIE feed is turned off, changes to EDDIE fields must be completed in both systems. Timing of changes may differ based on the type of change needed. See below:

1. Personnel changes will need to be made in PowerSchool and EDDIE to keep information in sync.
2. Future year changes to schools (e.g., new grade levels) can be made in PowerSchool to allow for scheduling and student transitions. These changes cannot be made in EDDIE until after completion of the EOY process for both systems since EDDIE is used as the authoritative source for school information. The EDDIE system does not have the capacity to flag changes as “future” and thus, must be kept in sync with each current school’s status. A communication will be sent following EOY alerting users when these changes should be made in EDDIE. Changes will need to be completed before the EDDIE feed is turned back on, or they will be overwritten by the feed.

What can you do at this time in preparation for EOY? Schools may begin performing their school enrollment audits (Start > System Reports > System > School Enrollment Audit) and section enrollment audits (Start> Reports > Run Reports > Section Enrollment Audit) for accuracy. Links to section and school enrollment documentation on PowerSource are below. If you are unable to access PowerSource, please click on the pdf document.

Section Enrollment Audit (PowerSource)
https://support.powerschool.com/article/77440
How_to_Validate_Section_Enrollments_with_the_Section_Enrollment_Audit_Report.pdf

School Enrollment Audit (PowerSource)
https://support.powerschool.com/article/59086
How_to_Validate_School_Enrollments_with_the_School_Enrollment_Audit_Report.pdf

This may also be a good time to begin reviewing the EOY quick reference documents available on the NC SIS website's EOY page. Please visit this page frequently for updates.

Federal CRDC End Date - April 22, 2019

Dear OCR Coordinators,

Please inform other staff as appropriate.

LEAs, Charters and schools that were not open in the school year 2017-2018 are not required to participate in this collection. Data for the collection is from the School Year 2017-2018.

New LEA Office level PowerSchool CRDC reports have been generated for all participating LEA and Charter schools.

The CRDC Submission end-date is April 22, 2019. Don’t wait! The entire nation is uploading or manually recording data, correcting errors and running reports. The system is beginning to show signs of latency and will likely continue to do so.

Please be aware that errors may still exist in some LEAs. The submission may not be certified until all errors are corrected. To see LEA and School Errors and Warnings, click the Reports Link at the top right of the Federal Submission Portal home page. Navigate to the Error Resolution Report for Advanced Users report and click Download Error Resolution Report.
To date, 24 of 294 LEAs and Charters have Certified their data in the Federal system. Click this link to view the most recent NC State Certification Report. Column F indicates Certification.

Resources from the OCR:
2017-18 CRDC School Form: https://crdc.grads360.org/#/communities/pdc/documents/16876
2017-18 CRDC LEA Form: https://crdc.grads360.org/#/communities/pdc/documents/16875

Please contact Terra Dominguez, terra.dominguez@dpi.nc.gov, with any questions regarding the OCR/CRDC process.

ServiceNow Support and Request System is Live

Following a statewide effort to modernize how customers engage us with their requests for support, the NCDPI converted to the ServiceNow support and request system on April 3rd.

Designated users submit incident tickets and requests for support to: https://ncgov.servicenow.com/sp_dpi

Helpful Info:
- QRD how to create & manage your requests: http://bit.ly/2l3hnNY
- How to Video: https://vimeo.com/327764163

Questions?
Join us next week for a follow-up - Open Q & A Webinar - Tues., April 9 from 3 - 4 p.m. Register: https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1376318475992547853

Home Base Opt-in for the 2019-20 School Year Coming Soon

NCDPI is pleased to announce that the full suite of Home Base will become available to all districts and charter schools for the 2019-20 school year in early to mid-April. The cost will remain the same as last year - $1/ADM which gives access to Schoolnet and NCEES Unified Talent Perform and Professional Learning. Districts and charter schools can acquire Canvas for an additional cost of $3.74 per user through the state negotiated convenience contract.

Home Base users can expect to see a streamlined assessment creation and scheduling dashboard, including easy access to share assessments and locally created question banks in Schoolnet. NCEES Unified Talent Perform and Professional Learning will offer:
- updated dashboards to track CEUs through local PD course modules and varied PD opportunities
- free access to NCDPI self-paced Canvas and Moodle modules aligned to staff standards and elements
• effective educator evaluation instruments based on NC teacher standards and NC standards for administrators

We hope to see 100% district opt-in as in the past. If you have questions concerning the 2019-20 Home Base Opt-in process, please contact Yolanda Wilson, Home Base Opt-in Administrator, at (919) 807-3485 or yolanda.wilson@dpi.nc.gov. For more information about Home Base, visit the Home Base website and check out the latest Home Base video!

Register NOW for the Final Round of the 2018-19 Home Base Meet-Ups!

The final round of Home Base Meet-Ups for the 2018-19 school year is scheduled to begin Monday, April 8 through Thursday, April 11. Have you registered?

These collaborative sessions are great opportunities for networking and sharing ideas. The format for this round will be the same as before, Schoolnet and Canvas will be offered for a full day. For complete registration details, please link to http://bit.ly/HBMU_Spring2019.

NCEES Webinars

The following webinar is rescheduled for Tuesday, April 16, 2019 due to a scheduling conflict with Home Base Meet-up regional sessions on April 9th. Those already registered will receive a communication once the new registration link is posted. A communication will be sent to the field as well.

• **NCEES End of Year Process for Principals**

**Description:** Topics to be outlined include reviewing the Teacher Evaluation Summary & PDP EOY Review Process and responsibilities, managing completion reports for staff, and reviewing the end of Year for the Principal Evaluation Plan. Participants will be encouraged to share best practices and lessons learned over the 2018-19 school year and changes they are planning for the upcoming 2019-20 school year.

**Target Audience:** Administrators, Principals, Superintendents (Evaluators of Principals)

**Date:** RESCHEDULED to April 16, 2019

**Time:** 4-5 p.m.

Remember to visit the [NC SIS website](http://www.ncreatenetwork.org) for additional information including webinars and training documentation. Follow us on twitter [@NCHomeBase](http://twitter.com/NCHomeBase).
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