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NC SIS Weekly Email Bulletin

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2017 Home Base Symposium Deadlines Approaching

Don't miss out on the opportunity to capitalize on a great rate to attend one of NCDPI's largest and best conferences – The 2017 Home Base Symposium! Early registration payments of $175 must be postmarked by **February 8, 2017!** The rate to attend increases to $250 if payments are postmarked on or after February 9, or made onsite.

Online registration is available and we encourage you to register now! Remember, registration is not complete until payments have been received. Checks only and registration forms should be mailed to **NCDPI, Cash Collections, 6336 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699.**

Rooms have been blocked with the Sheraton Greensboro hotel at Four seasons to accommodate Symposium attendees at a nightly rate of $139 plus tax. To guarantee this special reduced conference

rate, please make your reservations directly with the hotel no later than **February 3, 2017.** Use the information provided below when making your reservation.

Making your hotel reservation online:
Room Reservation Link: http://tinyurl.com/2017HBSympHotel

Making your hotel reservation via phone:
Phone Number: 1-800-242-6556
Group/Conference Code: 2017 NCDPI Home Base Symposium

Note: Changes in your departure date must be made no later than your check-in date to avoid an early departure fee. The hotel may also require picture ID.

Official NC Transcript Resolutions

A resolution will be implemented this weekend to resolve an issue where transcripts are not showing the U flag by UNC courses.

Another resolution to display the correct University of NC Board of Governors remaining minimum course requirements on the official NC transcript will also be deployed.

If you have questions or concerns pertaining to the deployment of these fixes, please contact the Home Base Support Center at (919) 807-4357 or submit a ticket through the Remedy Portal.

Military Connected Data Collection

Military connected student data collections are due in PowerSchool for all LEAs on January 31, 2017. A webinar was conducted on Tuesday, January 17. It, along with other military-connected documentation, including a model sample letter, is available on the NC SIS website and listed below:
Military Connected Presentation
Military Connected Webinar
Military Connected QRD
Military Connected Sample Letter

Any questions pertaining to Military connected policy should be directed to Doug Taggart, doug.taggart@dpi.nc.gov, or call 919-807-3346.

PowerSchool Training Needs Assessment Survey

The Home Base Professional Learning Team is planning more training opportunities, and we want to hear from YOU!!!

This survey is designed to identify areas of improvement for training resources available to PowerSchool users. The goals of this effort are to: 1) develop resources that will provide direction on setting priorities and allocate limited resources in order to have the greatest impact, and 2) to create clearer understanding on the alignment of goals, strategies, professional development, and desired outcomes with the instructional strategies associated with the greatest success.

Your district's feedback is very important to us as we plan our calendar training opportunities. So please, click the survey link above and tell us about your training needs.

It's imperative that we reach all users such as coordinators, principals, data managers, counselors, office staff, nurses, testing personnel, special programs and more (other) to complete this survey. Therefore, we are requesting that you share this link with all your district's PowerSchool admin users!

The PowerSchool Training Needs Assessment Survey will remain open through **Friday, February 17, 2017**, to allow time for distributing to your district's PowerSchool admin users. If you have any questions or need technical assistance with this survey, please contact Cami Narron at cami.narron@dpi.nc.gov, or Tiffany Kinney, tiffany.kinney@dpi.nc.gov.

OCR/CRDC Updates and PowerSchool Submission End Date - February 1, 2017

Note: Those LEAs and Schools that were not open in the school year 2015-16 are not required to participate I this collection.

The PowerSchool February 1, 2017 end date is fast approaching, and we are on track to complete the first phase of the OCR collection!

Important PowerSchool Information
Below is a list of updates for the PowerSchool CRDC Preview Reports scheduled to be completed as part of the regular Friday night restarts. PowerSchool will be available the following Saturday morning.
- AP Math and AP Sciences will no longer be counted in category of AP Other.
- Algebra I and Geometry classes will no longer be counted in MS and HS math class count categories for schools with grade levels 6-12.   Counts will reflect MS and HS based on the 'X' and 'Y' character in the 6th position of the course code.
- AIG students with records with a withdraw date after 10/1/2015 will be counted correctly.
- CRDC PowerSchool Preview Report Part 2 will count the subgroup LEP correctly.

Please note: the issue reported regarding the CRDC PowerSchool Preview Report Part 1 indicating

'Yes' to Preschool when CRDC School Screen indicates 'No,' can be resolved by accessing the CRDC School Screen, clicking the Submit button and then re-running the report.

Do not begin approving LEA CRDC reports until the updates are made, the LEA level reports are re-run and the data has been reviewed. If no errors are reported by the following Monday, January 23, 2017, NC DPI will begin sending a daily Approved, Not Approved list by district to all OCR Coordinators.

Testing of the Federal Submission Portal in Progress
The NC DPI has begun pulling production level data to test in the Federal Submission Portal**. To date, 85% of LEAs and Charters have not completed their LEA level CRDC PowerSchool screen.   Incomplete data uploads based on user decision is the responsibility of the LEA.   LEAs and Charters will be responsible for collecting and inputting data directly into the Federal Submission Portal prior to certifying.** During the last collection the NC DPI was able to facilitate the transmission of 99% of this data for 99% of our LEAs and Charters. This significantly reduced the time spent on gathering the data for this collection. Please take advantage of this opportunity!

Documentation to setup your PowerSchool database is located:
http://www.ncpublicschools.org/data/management/ocr/webinars/

'Preparing for the CRDC'
This document describes the North Carolina process for preparing for the Civil Rights Data Collection. The document includes but is not limited to information about communication and support, LEA and Charter school responsibilities and PowerSchool functionality.

The Federal Submission Portal is scheduled to open February 6, 2017
OCR coordinators identified on the contact list sent to OCR as of September 26, 2016 will receive accounts on February 6, 2017. It is the goal of the NC DPI to use the week of February 6 to upload data on behalf of the LEAs. To view files provided from the NC DPI on behalf of the district, visit: http://www.ncpublicschools.org/data/management/ocr/data-files/

LEAs and Charters will be notified once data uploads from the NC DPI are complete. After the NC DPI finishes the upload process, LEAs and Charters must complete the submission by adding Teacher Absenteeism data and any other data not provided from the approved PowerSchool Preview Report files and the files created by the NC DPI for data not in PowerSchool. LEAs and Charters must then resolve any errors in the Federal Submission Portal and perform the function process of Certifying the collection. The collection closes at the Federal level on April 24, 2017.

OCR/CRDC Status Webinars
Please join the NC DPI via Go To Webinar for updates and schedule discussions on the following date: January 26, 2017, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

No PowerPoint presentation will be provided. Webinar recordings will be located on the Grads360 CRDC NC Workgroup site.

Session times are from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. These two hour sessions will provide reminders and status updates on the progress of the PowerSchool CRDC Preview reports as well as discuss the NC DPI schedule for upload to the Federal Submission Portal. Users will also have the opportunity to ask about PowerSchool functional processes. Note: The project timelines are subject to change.

The first portion of the webinar will focus on the project. The second segment will be dependent on attendee questions.

Please review the November 4 Webinar recording located on the Grads360 CRDC NC Workgroup for a full demonstration of PowerSchool functionality.

OCR/CRDC at Home Base Symposium – Get Real-Time Assistance
The NC DPI will offer support for the CRDC at the 2017 Home Base Symposium. The SEA OCR Coordinator will attend the Symposium February 23, 2017. Walk-in assistance will be available from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. This will not be a presentation. Room location is pending.

2017 NC SIS Training Calendar

The 2017 Training Calendar for PowerSchool related training is available on the NC SIS website. To access the calendar, users may click on "Training" located on the blue menu bar and select "Calendar". If you are unable to view the calendar on your first attempt, either refresh the page, clear cache and cookies from the browser and then re-open it, or open the calendar in a different browser.

Training sessions and dates are listed below. Please visit this calendar often for additional training sessions and updates.

Pre-Scheduling Process Webinar
Description: This webinar will contain a presentation on the pre-scheduling process/steps. This includes an explanation of "Build and Load" vs. "Load" only, initial LEA and School setup, and accessing PowerScheduler.   At the end of the presentation, there will be an opportunity for questions.

Date/Times

January 23, 2017
10:00 AM -11:00 AM
Registration URL: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4886619280321576450

January 23, 2017
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Registration URL: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8543998475071964674

Pre-Scheduling Q & A Webinar
Description: This webinar will not contain any presentation. It will be an open forum for attendees to ask their scheduling questions to a panel of DPI staff members.

Dates/Times

January 30, 2017

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Registration URL: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5307325414457623554

January 31, 2017
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Registration URL: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/566097135068963330

February 1, 2017
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Registration URL: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5386891573401709058

February 1, 2017
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Registration URL: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1407947008968728578

March 9, 2017
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Registration URL: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5645891432929024770

Remember to visit the NC SIS website for additional information including webinars and training documentation.

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