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them for that as well.”

Opt-in to Home Base - Featuring Schoolnet

Schoolnet gives teachers the ability to create and modify assessments as well as receive results in real-time with relevant data for reporting purposes. Check out how Katherine White, a teacher at Anderson Creek Academy, uses Schoolnet in her classroom.

“My school uses the MAPS test, which is computerized. So I feel that my students are better prepared for that by taking tests on the computer. I also know that EOG’s are moving to computerized, so using computer based testing better prepares

Ms. White has found that Schoolnet allows her to create a variety of assessment types, from formative quick checks to end of the year comprehensive reviews. She also depends on the detailed analytics after her students complete an assessment to drive her instruction adding, **“I also use questions that many get wrong again as classwork so they all get more exposure to those questions - we also review these at the end of the week, so they get the question broken down and answered for them as we review it.”**

We appreciate Ms. White sharing how she uses Schoolnet and some timely ideas during our Home Base Opt-in period. More [Schoolnet stories](#) and helpful tips with using the product are welcome as well.

Note: Only district finance officers and charter school principals may submit requests through the [online opt-in tool](#) for their district/school.

For complete details about the Home Base opt-in process, visit the Home Base website's [Opt-in to Home Base](#) page.

Next Home Base Maintenance Weekend

The next Home Base maintenance weekend is set for Friday, May 18 through Sunday, May 20. Both, PowerSchool and Schoolnet, are scheduled for maintenance. As we move forward, Pearson, in coordination with the Home Base maintenance periods, will utilize this time frame to perform monthly server patch installments for Schoolnet.

Home Base will be taken offline on Friday, May 18 at 5 p.m. and returned to service no later than Monday, May 21 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 bringing up the systems, users will be notified. To stay abreast of upcoming maintenance periods, visit our [Home Base Maintenance Schedule](#).



Ready for PowerTeacher Pro?



All NC public schools have or are in the process of moving to PowerTeacher Pro; a leading-edge solution for successful education that optimizes both standards-based and traditional grading so you never have to struggle to align grading methods. Attributes of this robust and flexible grading tool include

- Anytime, anywhere access
- User friendly interface
- Flexible data views
- Quick fill technology
- District level configuration
- Interface with parent and student portals and much, much more!

If you have not had the opportunity to use PowerTeacher Pro, get ready for a pleasant surprise! PowerTeacher Pro will be completely implemented into all NC public schools in the 2018-19 school year. Visit the NC SIS website for [PowerTeacher Pro Resources](#).

Remember to Update Your EOY Contact Information

EOY processing will begin June 29, 2018. All LEA and charter school SIS coordinators should review and update their EOY contact information prior to processing. As mentioned in a previous communication, amendments to the EOY Contacts page in PowerSchool have been made to further improve the collection of this information. The following fields and the associated text will either be added/removed or enhanced.



1. Removing: Who is running?
2. Adding: Calendar widget for date selection
3. Enhancement: Requiring special format for Phone Number field.
4. Enhancement: Enabling the acceptance of an apostrophe in the page which, in the past, prevented the page from loading.

The [EOY Contacts Page QRD](#) has been updated to include these and other important updates for logging in. Please reference this document as you update your EOY contacts.



LEAs & Charters! TNL/NCEES Survey is Extended Through Friday, May 18

THANK YOU, to the 150 respondents! Now, we want to **HEAR** from **YOUR DISTRICT**!

This survey is for LEA/Charter District and Site Administrators of the Truenorthlogic NCEES system. Please share with any lead and site admins in your schools. Each input is **HIGHLY VALUED**!

- What do you like about TNL/NCEES? What do you not like?
- Do you need more training on how to use NCEES?
- Are you able to support and guide your staff through evaluations and professional development in NCEES?
- What improvements to processes, reporting and PD are needed?
- Are there other products out there that might work better?

We need your thoughts, comments and criticisms! [Click here to Start the NCEES Survey](#).

Your responses will help us plan, prepare and offer needed support to our North Carolina LEAs and charters. Questions? Please contact NCDPI TNL Lead Cami Narron (camnarron@dpi.nc.gov)

THANK YOU!

ECATS - PowerSchool Q & A Webinar

PowerSchool coordinators are invited to attend a high-level demonstration of the ECATS system. This webinar will clarify the process of getting data into the system as well as any expectations for PowerSchool coordinators. The session will be recorded and posted for later review. Please use this [google form](#) to submit questions prior to the webinar.



Date: May 21, 2018

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Registration Link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2867769707935905027>



End of Year Webinars

In preparation for EOY, NCDPI will host two webinars: End of Year Webinar and End of Year Q & A Webinar. Descriptions, dates and times for each webinar are listed below. Please use the registration links provided to register.

End of Year (EOY) Process Webinar

Description: The End of Year (EOY) Process webinar will cover procedures, guidelines and instructions on how to execute EOY.

*****Date Change:** Friday, May 18, 2018

*****Time Change:** 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Registration Link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/751722196462171394>

End of Year (EOY) Q & A Webinar

Description: The End of Year (EOY) Q & A webinar will address outstanding questions pertaining to EOY.

Dates: Monday, June 4, 2018 and Wednesday, June 13, 2018

Time: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Registration Link for June 4:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3121764590110387202>

Registration Link for June 13:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4088336465995311362>

TNL EOY Webinars

NCEES Webinar: Administrator End of Year Process

Audience: Administrators

Webinar Outcomes:

Topics to be outlined include reviewing the Teacher Evaluation 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 2017-18 school year and changes they are planning for the upcoming 2018-19 school year.

Date: Tuesday, May 15, 2018

Time: 4-5 p.m.

Registration Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2853642080496273666>

Upcoming Summer PowerSchool Workshop Opportunities

The NCDPI Home Base Training staff has prepared three summer workshop opportunities for our PowerSchool customers. These sessions will be held onsite, so please hurry and register early.

PowerScheduler Help Sessions

These hands-on help sessions are designed to assist with questions and/or issues regarding your schedule for the upcoming school year. This help session is not intended to be a training session. Ideally, your build and/or load processes should be completed or near completion. Up to 3 people per school may attend.



Only the LEA/Charter SIS Coordinator or designee may register their schools for sessions. It is only necessary to create one registration for each school - not one for each person that may attend. Each registration allows 3 people from that school to attend.

Space is limited. Attendees are to bring a laptop to each session.

****Please note, NCDPI has the right to combine or cancel sessions if not enough attendees register.**

Sessions run 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. each day with lunch on your own.

Dates: May 21, 22

Registration Link: <http://bit.ly/PSSchedulerHelp2018>

PowerSchool New User Training

This three day workshop is suited for new PowerSchool users (new to PowerSchool) working with day-to-day school business at the data manager/school administrator level. This workshop is available to new elementary, middle, and high school users. This is NOT a teacher training. Participants are expected to attend all three days.

Space is limited. Attendees are to bring a laptop to each session.

****Please note, NCDPI has the right to combine or cancel sessions if not enough attendees register.**

Sessions run 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. each day with lunch on your own.

Dates: July 10 - 12, 2018 and August 7 - 9, 2018

Registration Link: <http://bit.ly/PSNewUserRegister2018>

PowerSchool New Coordinator Training

This two day workshop is for new PowerSchool coordinators. It is designed to give new coordinators training on the day-to-day operations of a coordinator. Examples include what coordinators are expected to do, what to expect from their data managers, and a walk-through of a year in PowerSchool.

Space is limited. Attendees are to bring a laptop to each session.

****Please note, NCDPI has the right to combine or cancel sessions if not enough attendees register.**

Sessions run 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. each day with lunch on your own.

Dates: August 13 - 14, 2018

Registration Link: <http://bit.ly/PSNewCoordRegister2018>

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

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