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## NC SIS Weekly Email Bulletin

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## Next Home Base Maintenance Weekend - Oct. 13-15

The next Home Base maintenance weekend is scheduled for Friday, October 13 through Sunday, October 15, 2017. Currently, PowerSchool and Schoolnet are both scheduled for maintenance.

During this maintenance period, NC State Reporting Release 17.9.0 will be implemented into PowerSchool. This release includes:

- a name change of the report Retention/Promotion/Graduation Data Collection to Retention/Promotion Data Collection;
- removal of additional text displayed in the PMR Interval Setup page header for consistency with other pages; and
- the creation of PMR Exception 34 that allows kindergarten students who reach their 4th birthday on or before April 16 with proper documentation presented to the principal of the school to attend the public schools of North Carolina, or did not reach the age of 5 years old on or before August 31 of the school year,

but has been attending during the school year in another state in accordance with the laws or rules of the state before moving and becoming a resident of North Carolina.

Tentatively planned maintenance for Schoolnet entails performing updates on the Certica Item Bank that will require re-indexing. The re-indexing task will last approximately 4 - 6 hours.

Both applications will be brought down on Friday at 5 p.m. and returned to service no later than Monday, October 16 at 6 a.m. Once maintenance is completed, a message will be sent to notify users that the system is up and available for use. If there is a delay in bringing up either application, users will be notified.

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## Course Code Survey

Please remember that this year's course code survey will be closing on Wednesday, October 18. If you have specific course code requests for the 2018-19 school year, or have general ideas for how we can improve the statewide course code system, please be sure to submit a response by the deadline. If you have any questions or concerns related to the survey, please contact Hunter Huffman, Special Projects Manager, at: (p) 919.807.3633 or (e) [hunter.huffman@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:hunter.huffman@dpi.nc.gov).

[<SURVEY LINK>](#)



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## PowerTeacher Pro Tip

The PowerTeacher **Pro** Gradebook feature, Final Grade Status (used by teachers to verify grades are complete and ready for report cards at end of each term), is not available in PowerSchool 10. This component will be implemented with PowerSchool 11. Teachers should contact their administrators for grade verification guidance.

While it is a school level decision as to the process they want their teachers to follow, below is a suggestion:

A 'Comment Verification' can be printed and handed in as an alternative. Steps for printing in PTP are as follows:

1. Click **A+ Grading** charm.
2. Under Grades, click **Comment Verification**.
3. With the Comment Verification screen showing, click **Ctrl-P** and send to the printer of your choice.
4. Repeat these steps for each class as necessary.

PowerSchool leads can also assist teachers with running reports to verify completion of grades prior to storing and running report cards. To view your school's contact leads, visit the [NCDPI Home Base Support](#) page.

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## New Information on the Web

- [AIG New Coord. PowerSchool Overview - 09/29/2017](#)
- [Importing New Standards into PowerSchool - 10/12/2017](#)
- [NCDPI Standards \(Spreadsheet\) - 10/13/2017](#)
- [New Class Size Webinar - 10/13/2017](#)
- [New Class Size Presentation - 10/13/2017](#)
- [Retention Promotion Webinar - 09/28/2017](#)
- [Retention Promotion Presentation - 09/28/2017](#)
- [SAR Webinar - 09/14/2017](#)
- [SAR Presentation - 09/14/2017](#)



## NCDPI's Technology Support Center's Knowledge Base

LEA/Charter School coordinators, data managers and staff that use or support the Home Base suite of tools can access the Technology Support Center's Knowledge Base. Inside is an extensive library of resources available to users 24/7.

Our knowledge base includes:

- Knowledge Base Articles, 'How To' Guides
- FAQ's, Quick Reference Documents
- Tips, Hints and More!
- Links to other support resources - e.g., NC-SIS webpage and PowerSource

New users can request access at: <http://servicedesk.ncdpi.wikispaces.net/home>

Knowledge Base Quick Reference Doc at: <http://bit.ly/HomeBaseKB>

**Check back often - New resources added regularly!**

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## 2017-18 NC SIS Training Calendar

The Home Base Professional Learning Team is pleased to announce PowerSchool trainings for the 2017-18 school year. The audience for each session is based on user roles.

The PowerSchool sessions listed below are also posted on the NC SIS website's [Training Calendar](#). Please review these pages frequently for PowerSchool training schedule changes or additional trainings for September 2017 - June 2018.



Hands-on training sessions will be held at the NC Department of Public Instruction, 301 N. Wilmington Street, Room 564, Raleigh, NC, unless stated otherwise. Click [HERE](#) for directions to NCDPI and parking information. All attendees must be an employee of the NC Public School System to participate. Management companies are not permitted to attend.

Registration links are provided below. Please try to register early for workshops due to space limitations.

Note: All registration information is subject to the North Carolina Public Records Law.

### Upcoming Webinars

#### PowerSchool Military Connected Webinar

This webinar will contain a presentation on the military student identifier policy and how to update students in PowerSchool as military connected.

#### Date, Time and Registration Link:

Date: Oct 23, 2017

Time: 1:00 PM EDT

Registration: <https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/7437751245673277697>

#### PowerSchool Dropout Webinar

This webinar will cover researching potential drop outs, verifying dropouts, state reporting and W2 / W2T records.

#### Date, Time and Registration Links:

Date: Oct 24, 2017

Time: 2:00 PM EDT

Registration: <https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/6059709133326603265>

Date: Oct. 30, 2017

Time: 10:00 AM EDT

Registration: <https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/4449815203053496833>

#### Fall AIG Webinar

This webinar will cover the AIG policy, functionality and Head Count. Topics of discussion will include but are not limited to:

- Review of security roles
- Discuss modifying student records within the LEA
- Review new changes and record view that happened with EOY process
- Review Phase II functionality - specifically to address questions regarding running the reports

- Review accessing student lists (steps to follow to get an accurate list of students)
- Clear steps for verifying information for headcount (will be pulled on November 30)

**Date, Time and Registration Link:**

Thursday, October 26

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Registration: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2941190690949162753>

**PowerSchool ALP Webinar**

This webinar will cover ALP data reporting requirements and student processing procedures.

**Date, Time and Registration Link:**

Date: Oct 30, 2017

Time: 2:00 PM EDT

Registration: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6079679563022228481>

Date: Nov 14, 2017

Time: 10:00 AM EST

Registration: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/48441569764086785>

**PowerSchool Discipline Webinar**

This webinar will cover discipline data reporting in PowerSchool.

**Date, Time and Registration Link:**

Date: Oct 31, 2017

Time: 10:00 AM EDT at:

Registration: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8230514522463762689>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinars.

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Remember to visit the [NC SIS website](#) for additional information including webinars and training documentation.

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