

Dear OCR Coordinators,

The Office of Civil Rights (OCR) recently sent a broadcast message to all districts in the state asking that each LEA log into and verify their schools with the Advanced Website System (AWS).

Many LEAs have reported that when attempting to log into the tool, the wrong LEA appears. In addition LEAs have expressed concern that this was the first message they had received regarding the AWS.

The NC DPI has contacted the OCR regarding these concerns. The OCR staff identified a miscommunication in the broadcast message and asked that it be disregarded. At this point in time, the DPI has provided a file of all Open, Added and New schools for the 2013-2014 school year as listed in EDDIE, the authoritative source for NC's public schools. Per a conversation with the OCR staff, there is no need for LEAs to log into the AWS at this time and verify their schools.

Moving forward, LEAs will receive information regarding the Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC) from the NC DPI. The NC DPI is working with the OCR on a state level submission process for this collection. For OCR notification purposes, PowerSchool will become the authoritative source for OCR contact information.

The NC DPI and other states who have expressed interest in state level submission for the CRDC will begin piloting with feds in mid-September.

In parallel, the NC DPI continues to review and refine the work being done by the Pearson developers on functionality in PowerSchool for the CRDC.

Please continue to ensure that all schools within your LEA's PowerSchool instance have updated their individual CRDC screen. This includes any schools that have been created in your instance with numbers under 300, should they be needed in the collection.

We appreciate your thoughtful questions and comments regarding the new CRDC submission process.