

Home Base Biweekly Update



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Contracts Awarded for Additional Home Base Components

There's more big news for the Home Base project: The contract for the Educator Evaluation and Professional Development components has been awarded to the Public Consulting Group (PCG) and Truenorthlogic, partnering vendors.

Following that announcement Feb. 12, NCDPI and PCG/Truenorthlogic held Home Base Kickoff Meetings Feb. 13 and 14. Home Base team members for the student information system, the core instructional improvement system functionality, and the educator evaluation and professional development components are all working together toward building and implementing Home Base.

Correction: Timeline for Some Home Base Components

The student information system (PowerSchool), Curriculum & Instruction, Classroom & Benchmark Assessment, and Educator Evaluation components of Home Base will be available to Year Round Schools in July 2013 and will be available to traditional calendar schools in August 2013. Availability of other components, including OpenClass Learning Management System will be available in October 2013. Finally, Summative Assessment components will be available statewide for school year 2014-15.

NC WISE Symposium Is February 24-27

The NC WISE Coordinators and Data Managers are gearing up for an exciting symposium in Greensboro: The 2013 NC WISE Symposium meets Feb. 24-27 at the Koury Convention Center. There will be a reception from 1-4 p.m. February 24 for face-to-face time with LEAs and their Project Managers. Your attendance is welcomed!

This year's conference focus is the transition from eSIS to the SIS component (PowerSchool) of Home Base. Both training and information sessions are on tap, such as Student Searches, Enrolling Students, Teacher Gradebook, Parent Portal, Custom Reports, Walk-In Scheduling and lots more.

MORE INFO: <http://www.ncwise.org/symposium13.html>

NC TIES Conference Focus is Technology in the Classroom

The NC TIES Conference is scheduled for March 6-8 at the Raleigh Convention Center. This conference will provide breakthrough approaches to using technology in the classroom with workshops on social media, technology and Home Base.

MORE INFO: <http://www.ncties.org/conference/> or find them on Facebook ([facebook.com/ncties](https://www.facebook.com/ncties)) or Twitter (@ncties).

Home Base PowerSchool Training Update

PowerSchool training for LEAs and Charters is continuing throughout the state. To date, 17 training sessions have been held where 62 people received the Three-Day Instant Productivity Training (four of them from charter schools) while 255 staff completed five-day IPT Certification Training.

MORE INFO: Email your training questions to Wendy Hinson, wendy.hinson@dpi.nc.gov

Hear the Latest at Home Base PowerSchool, Teacher and Technology Webinars

Home Base PowerSchool Project Update Webinars -- The Home Base SIS team (PowerSchool) will be providing a two-hour project update webinar on a regular basis. Topics will include timelines and associated tasks, conversion from NC WISE, specific customizations for North Carolina plus answers to frequently asked questions. Each session will allot time for questions and answers. All sessions will be held 1-3 p.m. on the following dates: March 14 and 28, April 11, May 9 and 23, and June 6.

MORE INFO: To sign up for these webinars, please click on the link below. You only have to register once to attend meetings from March 14- June 6, 2013. Registration link: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/315714961>

Home Base Teacher and Technology Webinars -- The Home Base team continues conducting monthly webinars, two especially for teachers on the overall Home Base project; one especially for technology staff; and one or two that focus on the student information system component of Home Base (listed in the item above).

The remaining Home Base teacher webinar this month is Wednesday, Feb. 27 from 3:30-5 p.m. We currently have almost 500 registrants. Please remember to register as a group if you will be viewing with others in your schools or PLCs.

MORE INFO: The registration link is <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/853006297>

Harness the Power of PowerSource Distance Learning

PowerSource Distance Learning is your one-stop shop for everything in PowerSchool. It includes in-depth Distance Learning that can be taken at the user's own pace, and Mastery in Minutes, which offers quick looks at PowerSchool functionality. Stay tuned as upcoming newsletters will highlight specific topics on these two powerful tools.

Get Involved through Home Base Groups

For more information on how to become involved with the Home Base project, read more about our groups:

The Home Base User Group meets monthly to discuss end-user ideas and needs, to voice potential issues or concerns and to let NCDPI know what members see as valuable tools in Home Base. If you'd like to give the NCDPI staff input as we work toward implementation of Home Base, please sign up to be part of the group and receive regular updates. The group's monthly meetings are accessible via webinar, and the "sign-up" link for the User Group will take you to a webinar registration. The registration link is <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/985645401>.

Home Base Resource Consortium members meet monthly to make recommendations about sharing resources and to discuss best practices for vetting, aligning and including resources in Home Base. Meetings are virtual with an occasional face-to-face gathering, usually once a year.

The next Resource Consortium meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 26 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. LEA staff and charter schools staff are encouraged to join the Home Base Resource Consortium to participate. Check to see if your LEA or Charter is a part of the Consortium by clicking on the link below. If not, email home_base_ready@dpi.nc.gov to ask about becoming a member. Link: <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/docs/homebase/groups/groups-jan13.pdf>

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