Home Base/RttT Biweekly Update

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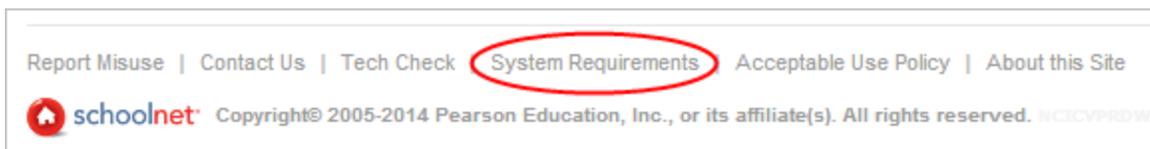- **NC SIS User Advisory Board Meets Sept. 18**

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

- **Upcoming Webinars and Workshops**

Curious about Tech Requirements? We Gotta Doc for That

As the school year gets into full swing, perhaps you're wondering what you need for Home Base in terms of browsers and operating systems for your devices. We've just updated our Minimum Technical Requirements document on our Getting Ready - Implementation page. The link is here: http://www.ncpublicschools.org/homebase/getting-ready/implementation/category?category=Technical%20Requirements

TIP: You can always find the latest tech requirements for Schoolnet on the bottom of the page at any point when you are logged into Schoolnet. Just click on System Requirements.

Principal READY Support Sessions Resume This Fall

We are excited to announce the 2014-15 Principal READY sessions for this fall in each region. Building on the foundation we established during fall and spring of 2013-14. Principal READY will focus on instructional leadership to help the principal support teachers. Participants will collaboratively explore curriculum tools and resources that will help their teachers improve content knowledge and instructional skills, with a specific focus on mathematics. These meetings and

supporting resources are part of the State's READY work, with Principal READY providing a unique opportunity for administrators to work in groups, discussing the standards and classroom observations. Principals will collaborate with colleagues and NCDPI staff to support instructional capacity through a strong, consistent implementation of the North Carolina Educator Evaluation System.

MORE INFO: Find the statewide schedule here: http://ncees.ncdpi.wikispaces.net/READY+Principals+Fall+2014

Next Home Base Maintenance Weekend is Sept. 19-22

The next Home Base maintenance weekend is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 19, through Monday, Sept. 22. The system will shut down Friday at 5 p.m. Once maintenance is completed, a message will be sent to notify users that the system is up and available for use. Home Base will be returned to service no later than 6 a.m. Sept. 22. If a delay in bringing up the system should occur, users will be notified via NC SIS email.

Please keep in mind, there is no access to Home Base during maintenance weekends.

2014-15 Standards Spreadsheet Revised

The 2014-15 Standards Spreadsheet has been revised to include the addition of the Extended Content Standards for grades K-8, addition of missing descriptions from column L, and a fix for column A to replace a bubble like character from showing in place of the "..." where appropriate. The spreadsheet has been posted to the NC SIS website at http://www.nc-sis.org/Standardbasedreportcard.html.

MORE INFO: Please contact the Home Base Support Center at homebase.incidents@its.nc.gov if you need help uploading the spreadsheet for use in the PowerTeacher Gradebook and the new Standards-Based Report Card.

New Standards-Based Report Card Available

The new Standards-Based Report Card was promoted into PowerSchool on Monday, Sept. 1. It is located under the NCDPI Reports tab in PowerSchool's system reports. For instructions on how to run the NC Standards Based Report Card, please download the "NC Customization: NC Standards-Based Report Card Guide" found here: http://www.nc-sis.org/Documents/sbrc/NC_Customization-NC_Standards_Report_Card.pdf.

New on the Web: Teacher User Guide for Standards-Based Grading

To assist teachers with using the PowerTeacher Gradebook for implementing standards-based grading, a Teacher User Guide is available at http://www.nc-sis.org/Documents/sbrc/PS_StandardsBasedGradingTeacherUserGuide.pdf.

The guide describes how to attach standards to assignments, how to work with standards grades, and how to analyze and report final grades.

From the Field: Greene County Transformation; Data-Driven Instruction in New Hanover

A few more "good news" videos have been shared from the field and posted to our NCDPI YouTube Channel. Access our Home Base and READY playlists here: https://www.youtube.com/user/ncpublicschools.

Listen to the latest:

> • Both Stephen Greene, NCDPI district transformation coach, and Christy Stanley, NCDPI Instructional Coach, work with Greene County Schools. Hear them describe some of the turnaround they've seen in the school district. Stephen discusses highlights of 74 teachers coming together to write the Pre-K through 12 curriculum. "I think what we saw almost overnight was the teacher leadership come out within this district. Teachers felt very strongly that this was going to be their curriculum, and that has made just a cultural change." Christy says teachers are conducting a scholastic inventory three times a year. "Teachers are now really getting into the data piece." Stephen adds: "Uncovering the data, you now have a lot more professional learning teams coming together to look at each other's data, talk about strategies within different groups -- literacy, particularly writing, is expected in every content area across every grade level. View the clip here: http://bit.ly/1Baej6H

> • Ryan Redd, a New Hanover County Schools middle school math teacher and instructional coach, talks about getting the most from Home Base, from teaching resources, to immediate data to drive instruction to the opportunity for professional development that Race to the Top funding has provided. View the clip here: http://bit.ly/1nTjmAe

SHARE YOURS: This 2014-15, all schools across the state have full, free access to all the online tools in Home Base. We'd love to see how your school or school district is highlighting what's important and helpful to you in Home Base. Share your videos, news announcements, tweets and anything Home Base related you'd like us to consider highlighting. Share your good news stories "From the Field" with Kathy Newbern in the NCDPI Communications Office, kathy.newbern@dpi.nc.gov.

NC SIS User Advisory Board Meets Sept. 18

The next NC SIS User Advisory Board meeting is Thursday, Sept. 18, from 10 a.m. to noon. Please submit all agenda items to ncsis@dpi.nc.gov by Friday, Sept. 12. We will be limiting the agenda items covered during the UAB meetings to a total of five due to time constraints. We will inform you if we are unable to cover your item during the meeting.

If you have not registered to attend the UAB and/or CCB meetings since June, please click on the links below to do so. Once registered, your registration will be good for all meetings scheduled through Thursday, Dec. 18. We encourage all attendees to register even if you plan to attend in person.

Register for UAB Meetings at: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/225223729. CCB meetings registration link: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/371722000.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Upcoming Webinars and Workshops

➢ *PowerTeacher Gradebook Workshop* - There are two more opportunities to attend this workshop held at NCDPI in Raleigh: Friday, Sept. 19, and Monday, Nov. 3. The workshop covers basic PowerSchool and PowerTeacher functionality such as taking attendance, creating assignments, entering assignment grades, working with categories/groups, printing reports, final grade setup/weights, and more. The workshop runs from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. each day. Register here: http://www.timetosignup.com/powerschooltraining/folder/1905

➢ *SAR Webinar* - This webinar, offered twice more, will discuss SAR policy, fatal errors and exceptions, and PowerSchool functionality as needed.

Sessions are:

- Monday, Sept. 15, at 10 a.m. Register at: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/116684944
- Thursday, Oct. 9, at 10 a.m. Register at: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/214930640

➢ *PMR Webinar-* This webinar will discuss Principal's Monthly Report (PMR) in PowerSchool - how to run as well as how to clean up data. It's repeated Wednesday, Sept. 24, at 1 p.m. Register at: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/987582217.

➢ *PowerSchool New User Workshop (School/Admin Level)* - This workshop is geared to new PowerSchool users working at the data manager/school administrator level with day-to-day school business – This is NOT teacher training. Attendees must be an employee of the school and not a management company.

Classes will be held at NCDPI in Raleigh:

- Monday-Thursday, Sept. 8-11 (9 a.m.-4 p.m.)

Registration link: http://www.timetosignup.com/powerschooltraining/folder/1906/

➢ *Discipline Incidents in PowerSchool Webinar-* This webinar will demonstrate how to enter disciplinary incidents into the PowerSchool application.

Sessions are:

- Friday, Sept. 5, at 1 p.m. Register here: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/229609625
- Friday, Sept. 19, at 9 a.m. Register here: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/416979905
- Monday, Nov. 17, at 1 p.m.

Register at: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/558287457

➢ *ALP/ALS in PowerSchool Webinar (See dates and time changes)* - This webinar will discuss policy and functionality in PowerSchool as related to students in Alternative Learning Programs and/or Alternative Learning Schools.

Sessions are:

- Thursday, Sept. 11, at 10 a.m. Register here: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/707367440
- Wednesday, Sept. 17, at 1 p.m. Register here: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/818096513

➢ *End-of-Term Process in PowerSchool Webinar* - This webinar will cover the End-of-Term Process and how to prepare for the end of the marking period.

Sessions are:

- Friday, Oct. 17 at 9 a.m. Register here: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/153748801
- Thursday, Oct. 23, at 1 p.m. Register at: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/218332281

➢ *Mid-year Graduates in PowerSchool Webinar* - This webinar will discuss the process for handling records of students graduating mid-year.

Sessions are:

- Thursday, Dec. 4, at 1 p.m. Register here: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/204543489
- Tuesday, Dec. 16, at 9 a.m. Register at: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/366059760
- Tuesday, Jan. 13, at 9 a.m. Register here: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/444470360

HOME BASE WEEKLY UPDATE INFO
We encourage you to share this Update, and for past issues of Home Base Weekly and Biweekly Updates, please visit http://www.ncpublicschools.org/homebase/updates/biweekly/?year=2014.

***LINKS: PC users might need to press the CTRL button when clicking on a hyperlink in this document.