

**Progress Statistics: Week of September 14 - 20, 2009**

Schools in production .....	1,576
Number of active students (not including withdrawn students, e.g. graduated) .....	471,405
Maximum distinct user logon sessions in a day .....	14,751
Total distinct user logons for the week .....	72,536
Maximum number of reports run in a day.....	25,491
Maximum concurrent users in a day .....	4,119

**Operations**

*Tim Reilly*

**General Information and Notifications**

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Things continue to run very smoothly, and there are no major or minor items to report this week.

Tim thanked everyone for their cooperation with regards to the short notice for the system unavailability in connection with the maintenance window last weekend. Preventative maintenance was performed during this window so the SD Test Refresh, originally scheduled for Oct 4-5, was postponed to this coming weekend.

There will be further maintenance performed again this weekend and **BCeSIS will be unavailable between 12 a.m. and 12 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday**. An Alert regarding this has been posted to the main page of the ISW.

**Implementation and Support**

*Chris Wilson*

**Learning Events / Resource Materials**

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We are in the process of updating the aal guides which can be found in the Learning Resource Centre > Training and Support > aal Guides. By arrangement with aal, we are able to provide these but only on a secure, non-public page – therefore the page and its content are not visible unless you are logged on to the ISW. Please note that a current (e.g. 11.x) version of a particular guide does not always exist. Where this is the case, we have provided the most recent version available. Most of the pdf guide groupings, offered in zip files for ease of download, have been updated but there are three more to come.

**Report Card learning events are being delivered this week.** Recordings of these events will be posted soon afterwards for anyone who was not able to attend, and for future reference.

Reminder: There are **Introduction to Scheduling** Learning Events coming up in November and these are open to registration on the ISW.

Reminder: **The next Student Services Users Group conference call** for the 21 districts that have completed the implementation process and have begun to use the module **is coming up on Oct. 22, 2009**.

We are just about to get started with the next round of Student Services implementations.

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**SADE Extract**

The high priority changes were implemented as scheduled on October 1<sup>st</sup> and the release notes are available on the ISW. The time frame for submission is from now until October 31<sup>st</sup>.

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**Class Size**

The process for loading class size data from BCeSIS into the Ministry Web form has now been completed. The Web form is now available to school districts to access their information. If you have any questions regarding class size data, please contact Beverley Shaw at the Ministry of Education via email. [\\_\\_\\_\\_\\_](#)

When asked why it takes so long for the information to be available on the Ministry site, Andrew Macaulay spoke about the existing incompatibility between the extract out of BCeSIS and the utilities to load it in Ministry site. The data has to be massaged before it can be successfully loaded and this process takes a few days to complete.

He added that it was difficult to find a time to perform the extract that would match all the schedules in all the districts, which is why it went to referendum to determine the best overall time. The date was chosen about three weeks ago as a result of that referendum.

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**November release UAT**

Last week we put out a request for volunteers to do user acceptance testing for the November release. There were no responses. User acceptance testing is an extremely important part of any release. Appreciating that everyone is busy, we would like to suggest that people consider volunteering to test even a subset of the release components, bearing in mind the preference that there be a minimum of four UA Testers for the overall release.

The specification documents will be ready over the next couple of weeks, and testing is targeted for the last week of October or first week of November.

Districts 23, 36 and 74 volunteered on the call. Subsequently SD39 and 69 also volunteered. Thank you to everyone.

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**Change Management**

For information regarding past and upcoming releases, please refer to the **Business Events** page on the ISW. You must be logged on to see this link.

Reminder: There will be no changes implemented, unless urgent, for the next 4-6 weeks until Ministry reporting and other back to school activities are completed.

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**Governance***Andrew Macauley*

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**General Information and Notifications**

The SMC full council will be meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

The SMC Executive will meet this afternoon. The agenda includes, amongst other topics, discussion re strategies to deal with inactive student records.

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**Session Timeout Referendum**

The referendum last week had the highest participation of any referendum to date. The overall decision was to increase the session timeout to 90 minutes, and this was implemented on Friday October 2nd.

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**SEWG / MRWG***Bert van der Geest*

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**General Update and Notifications**

The MRWG will have a conference call on Thursday this week, with the SEWG scheduled for the 14<sup>th</sup>. The SEWG calls will be every two weeks initially, as the group reviews the change requests submitted. Once these are addressed and prioritized, the meetings may be held less frequently.

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**OSWG***Norm Walker*

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**General Update and Notifications**

The OSWG will meet on Thursday morning.