

**Progress Statistics: Week of January 4 – 10, 2010**

Schools in production .....	1,879
Number of active students (not including withdrawn students, e.g. graduated) .....	526,874
Maximum distinct user logon sessions in a day .....	15,167
Total distinct user logons for the week .....	75,224
Maximum number of reports run in a day .....	19,906
Maximum concurrent users in a day .....	5,821

**Hot Topics**

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**Delete Inactive Students**

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- UAT is now complete.
- Detailed release notes are posted on the ISW (there is a link from the **BCeSIS Important Dates** page)
- The new functionality will be available in SD Test tomorrow (January 13<sup>th</sup>)
- A reference guide will be posted January 13<sup>th</sup>. (There is a link to it from a News Item on the main page and also from the January release page)
- A learning event is scheduled for January 14<sup>th</sup>. (Learning event delivered as scheduled. Recording will not be posted as functionality is not in Production yet and another LE may be delivered when that occurs).

How to manage inactive students has been a topic of discussion for some time. We are now providing a tool (the Delete Inactive Students functionality) which will allow districts to manage their own records, and decide when it is appropriate to keep them in the system and when to remove them. The tool has gone through UAT and tomorrow will be implemented in SD Test and then Training. We hope to have a decision from the SMC by the end of the month about when this functionality will be implemented into Production.

With regard to decisions about whether to delete inactive students and how long to leave them in the system, there are a number of factors to consider such as the likelihood of students to return, StrongStart early learners who are not registered within a certain length of time, students moving around the province, etc. as well as the cost of keeping student records in the system.

Districts are encouraged to use the function in Test and have a good look at your particular mix of active and inactive students, so you are well briefed when the time comes to make decisions.

**Refreshes**

The SD Test environment was refreshed on the weekend. Data in SD Test is now current as of Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Monitoring**

We are continuing to investigate a problem with the report service in Conversion and Training which has cause some difficulty printing reports in these environments. We have been working with Oracle and Fusepoint and so far have not found the root cause, but we do have a workaround which requires a server restart when the situation occurs. This causes an interruption of service of about 20 minutes. We will give advance notice before doing this.

Q from SD39: Is this problem affecting Production?

A: No, it is isolated to the Training environments, and Stage 1 (Conversion).

**Updates**

We have confirmed with Fusepoint that the Olympics will not affect BCeSIS and our connection with PLNet. We have learned that Bell will be one of the service providers for the Olympics and therefore their traffic will increase. Any districts using Bell as their provider are encouraged to contact them and check on the effects, if any, you might experience.

Suggestion: If you are contacting us about any network questions it is advisable to send the same request to PLNet, so they can look at their side of the network as well.

**March Infrastructure release:** A question was submitted by SD61 regarding this release and any associated outages. Information was to be provided for the minutes and is as follows: *Due to the Upgrade to 12.0 scheduled for early March, the March Infrastructure release will be postponed.*

**Maintenance Windows**

January 16/17 – the upgrade of the Conversion environment to Solaris 10 will be completed. There will be no service interruption for this.

**Training and Support**

A new **Delete Inactive Student** reference guide has been posted to the Learning Resource Centre > Recurring Events and Processes > Student Record Management.

As reported last week, some enhancements have been made to the Learning Event Schedule. Now, when you are logged in, you will see a “Print My Learning Events” button, which allows you to view all the sessions you have registered for.

As well a new icon will appear in the LE Schedule next to the name of an event which will link directly to Elluminate recordings of the events after they have been posted.

**Addenda:** Recordings have been posted for the **TRAX** and **Student Assistant – Course Selections** learning events that were delivered on Jan 12<sup>th</sup>. These are now visible and active on the LE Schedule for your convenience.

**Student Services resources** are continuing to be updated and posted to the ISW, including the IEP Reference Guide, Adding a Case Manager and Assigning Staff, and Creating a Goal Progress Report. Watch for more updates coming later this month.

Pre-Transition resources are currently being reviewed and revised in preparation for the upcoming **Pre-Transition for Elementary Schools** learning event on Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>. A new Pre-Transition reference guide will be posted this week.

**Application Management**

This is the final call for UAT testers for the 12.0 upgrade. Ideally, we would like to have a few more districts involved. UAT will run for 2 weeks in mid February, but there will be prioritization workshops with the UAT group starting early next week. In the process of preparing for the upgrade we do a first prioritization of the items we think are important, but this is your opportunity to let us know which things are important to you. If you would like to participate, please email [DorothyAWard this week.](mailto:DorothyAWard@bc.edu)

**General Information and Notifications**

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The SMC executive met last week, with the primary discussion being about various approaches districts could take to manage student records.

There has been some discussion around Program Types – a number of districts asked about how program types should be end dated. Bert Van der Geest and Victoria Williams are putting together a conference call and will send out notification to SMC representatives.

Last May the SMC talked about coming up with a way to assess the value of BCeSIS to districts. Framework has been developed in the form of a spreadsheet to identify how the system is used and by whom, in order to develop a province-wide profile. This spreadsheet has been under review for the last few weeks, and will be distributed soon to all districts to complete.

**BCeSIS Users Conference**

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There is discussion about whether a conference should be held this year. The Conference Committee has met several times and has attempted to get feedback about whether people are likely to attend a conference, which has been spotty to say the least. The next step will be to contact last year's participants to find out how likely they are to go back this year, then a decision will be made about whether to hold the conference and what form it would take.

**Implementation Declarations**

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Districts that are nearly finished implementing their last schools should send Andrew Macauley their Implementation Completion Declaration for any schools for which this has not yet been done. This should be done as soon as possible because any declarations received after the March 31<sup>st</sup> deadline will not be eligible for grants. We typically use 1701 reporting as our method for determining when districts are using BCeSIS, but that information won't be available until after March. So the only way to know if a school is using the application is from the declarations.

**General Update and Notifications**

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The SEWG met last week. Among the items approved and prioritized were Absence reports and suppressing the attendance summary on Report Cards. After the new budget is announced in April these will be up for review for implementation along with the other previously approved items.

In a recent release from aal, it was noted that there is a **Closed Campus** check box on the second screen of the School Info loop which allows you to suppress a closed school from appearing in the drop down list. The current convention is to prefix closed schools with "ZZ" so they would appear at the bottom of drop down list of schools but using this tick box will actually prevent the ZZ schools from displaying on the list.

The MRWG has not had any items for review recently, but will be having a meeting soon.

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No update this week.