

## Home Base/RttT Biweekly Update



February 19, 2015

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#### **Teacher Spotlight**

This week's [Teacher Spotlight](#) features third grade teacher Rosslyn Waddell from BO Barnes Elementary School in Wilson County describing how she uses the instructional materials in Schoolnet. Ms. Waddell frequently uses the materials in the IIS for initial whole group instruction, review and remediation. Join Ms. Waddell as she shares how Schoolnet lesson plans and activities have changed her classroom.

The NC Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) is collaborating with teachers across the state to share

ways our state's teachers are using Home Base's instructional improvement system, Schoolnet, in their daily instructional practices. This new feature, called [Teacher Spotlight](#), will provide you with the opportunity to read stories and watch videos and learn tips from teachers in the field from what types of tools and resources they're using in their classrooms. Classroom teachers, if you want us to feature your video, please send an email to [Home Base Ready](#).

### **Schoolnet Updates**

The NCDPI is pleased to report that the improvements and enhancements made to Schoolnet have allowed a record number of users to access and use the system. During these new record-highs for system use over the past couple of months, teachers could find and create lessons, educators could run and review reports, students could log in and do classwork or take tests and more without experiencing the time out issues previously encountered during heavy system use. The NCDPI recognizes and appreciates your patience as the NCDPI and Pearson have worked to improve your Instructional Improvement System, and the teams remain committed to making continual improvements as usage grows.

### **New District-to-District Sharing Feature is Now Available!**

You can now designate resources in Schoolnet at the district level as "All Districts" materials and share them among all districts in NC. As schools submit teacher work through Schoolnet for district approval, districts will now have the option to make those resources available to all other districts in the state. Resources created at the school or district level can also be shared among districts. This means you will be able to showcase and share your teachers' and curriculum leaders' work not only within your own district, but across all districts in North Carolina. This option is now available, in addition to the Submit to State option as another way NC teachers and leaders can share instructional resources statewide. We hope you will take advantage of the ability to showcase the work being done in your district and the opportunity to share with your peers.

To learn more, please view the archived video from Feb 19 at <http://bit.ly/1zU8uO3>. For information on how to register, please see the article below about upcoming webinars.

### **New Instructional Materials and Assessment Items Added to Schoolnet!**

This week, additional instructional materials were added into the Classrooms Module within Schoolnet. Below is a breakdown of the number of materials added by type.

Instructional Units K-12: 49  
Lesson Plans K-12: 686  
Resources K-12: 620  
Assessments K-12: 35

Plus, this week 2,660 additional benchmark assessment items were added. These items have the publisher NCDPI\_Benchmark and are available to district level users for creating district benchmark assessments. The 2,660 items cover ELA (grades 3-8 and ENG II), Math (grades 3-8 and Math I) and Science (grades 5 and 8 and Biology).

1300 additional classroom items were also added. These items have the publisher NCDPI\_Classroom and are available to ALL users and intended for use by teachers at the classroom level. Similar to the benchmark items, the new classroom items cover ELA (grades 3-8 and ENG II), Math (grades 3-8 and Math I) and Science (grades 5 and 8 and Biology).

## **Discover the Rich, High-quality and Free Instructional Content Available in Schoolnet!**

Currently users may access approximately 30,000 instructional materials in Schoolnet, including open education resources vetted at the state level, SAS Curriculum Pathways, Pearson's OLE resources for social studies and science, plus a More tab which includes a collection provided by the NC Department of Cultural Resources.

Two upcoming webinars will demonstrate how to access these materials, each offering resources for a variety of subjects. Come participate and discover what Schoolnet has to offer you:

- Wednesday, March 4, 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
Free Instructional Resources in Schoolnet – This webinar will focus on how educators can access high quality ELA, Social Studies, Science and STEM materials. Register here:  
<http://bit.ly/1AiKPng>
- Wednesday, March 25, 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
Free Instructional Resources in Schoolnet – This webinar focuses on how educators can access high quality resources for Math, World Languages, Arts, Health, PE and ESL. Register here:  
<http://bit.ly/17Op4mb>

## **Reminder about Reports in Schoolnet**

As a reminder, the School and District Data Module within Schoolnet is the primary source for running reports on student performance within Schoolnet. While there is a student performance option under the Classrooms Module, this option will only look at reports for the current semester enrollments. So if you want to look at yearlong results, it is best to use the reporting options within the School and District Data Module.

## **2015 Home Base Symposium Feb 23 – 25!**

**Registration** – Preparations are now underway to attend the 2015 Home Base Symposium scheduled for Feb 23 – 25 at the Sheraton/Koury Convention Center in Greensboro, NC. Online registration is available at <http://bit.ly/1tNS4i5>. The registration fee is \$250 and can be paid upon your arrival. Please note that we can only accept checks – credit cards and cash are not accepted. If you any questions related to the symposium, please contact Yolanda Wilson at [yolanda.wilson@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:yolanda.wilson@dpi.nc.gov). You can access the 2015 Home Base Symposium Registrant List on the NC SIS website at <http://bit.ly/1CmoyqN>.

**Courses and Master Schedule** – You can access the 2015 Home Base Symposium Course List on the NC SIS website's Symposium [page](#). This list provides titles and descriptions of all sessions that will be presented at the Symposium. Additional sessions may be added, so please review this list periodically. The Master Schedule identifying the classes by short title, dates and times is also located on the NC SIS Symposium page. Please use these resources to assist in planning your schedule prior to attending the symposium. If you have questions or need clarification about any sessions, please contact Yolanda Wilson at [yolanda.wilson@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:yolanda.wilson@dpi.nc.gov).

**Accommodations** – A block of rooms for symposium guests has been reserved at the Sheraton Hotel. You can call the Sheraton at (336) 292-9161 and ask them to add you to the symposium block. Or you can locate hotel forms at <http://bit.ly/1tNS4i5> and send to the Sheraton Greensboro Hotel at Four Seasons, 3121 High Point Rd., Greensboro, NC 27407 or fax to 336-323-4876.

## **The Collaborative Conference for Student Achievement**

Online registration is now open for the Collaborative Conference for Student Achievement (CCSA) "Champions Engaging North Carolina in 21st Century Teaching and Learning"

March 30 - April 1  
Sheraton Four Seasons/Koury Convention Center  
Greensboro, NC.

Be sure to visit the website where you may:

- Check out Keynote speakers
- Pick out sessions in advance
- Qualify as a conference intern if you are an undergraduate education major
- Find many exciting new updates coming soon!

<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/academicservices/conference/>

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### **Home Base Weekly Webinar Series**

The NCDPI invites you to take advantage of the weekly Home Base Webinar Series which invites system users to discuss timely topics. Webinars are designed to assist users with PowerSchool, Educator Evaluation/PD System plus Schoolnet and OpenClass on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. These webinars are always free and offer attendees the opportunity to learn about best practices, tips for success and new aspects of the system. Participants are also given a chance to ask questions and connect with experts. Upcoming topics include:

- Mid-Year Graduates in PowerSchool
- North Carolina Educator Evaluation System
- What does Quality Online PD look like?
- Creating Classroom Assessments in Schoolnet
- KPIs and Pre-Formatted Reports in Schoolnet

For a full list of upcoming topics, webinar start times and registration links, please visit <http://bit.ly/1E7iqV1> and click *Webinars* on the left navigation bar. The calendar is being updated daily with new training sessions so check back often.

Specific upcoming webinars on Schoolnet, OpenClass and PowerSchool/PowerTeacher are also listed below.

### **Weekly Webinars on Schoolnet and OpenClass for February and March**

The Schoolnet and OpenClass webinar series continues on Thursdays throughout the school year and features weekly sessions on each of the components within Schoolnet (Classrooms, Assessment Admin, and School and District Data) and on OpenClass. Webinar details are posted on the Home Base website at <http://bit.ly/1KpINZ2> and <http://bit.ly/1Dq1RU1>.

Please visit our [online calendar](#) for future webinars.

*Please note* an adjustment to the Schoolnet webinar series. The topic for the Feb 19 webinar has changed, and we will cover the previously advertised topics at a later date. Below you will find the new topics for the upcoming Feb and March Schoolnet webinars.

Date	Time	Topic	Description	Registration
<b>2/19/2015</b>	3:30-4:30	Instructional Materials Banks and How Materials Are Shared.	Attendees will understand the different materials banks and their hierarchy within Schoolnet. Includes a discussion of how instructional materials are shared in schools, districts and across the state, and includes information on new sharing options.	<a href="#">Webinar Registration</a>
<b>2/26/2015</b>	3:30-4:30	Schoolnet – User Management: Roles & Permissions	This webinar provides a how-to for managing user access in Schoolnet. You can expect a review of specific roles and permissions plus specific examples and issues pertaining to roles and permissions if not assigned properly, plus user access and exercising best practices.	<a href="#">Webinar Registration</a>
<b>3/5/2015</b>	3:30-4:30	Schoolnet – Curriculum and Instruction Series – Designing Instructional Sequences	Participants of the Governor's Teacher Network share their experiences designing Instructional Sequences by creating lesson plans using the state template, linking resources and adding aligned assessment items to provide high quality materials from teachers in the field for use by educators statewide.	<a href="#">Webinar Registration</a>
<b>3/12/2015</b>	3:30-4:30	Schoolnet – Curriculum and Instruction Series - Introduction to Curriculum Manager	Review of Schoolnet resources hierarchy. Create curricular units and district curriculum. Link resources to units. Bulk upload and manage your district instructional resources and materials.	<a href="#">Webinar Registration</a>

<b>3/19/2015</b>	3:30-4:30	Schoolnet – Curriculum and Instruction Series - Advanced Curriculum Manager	In this webinar, you will learn how to develop and organize your district curriculum utilizing Schoolnet’s powerful curriculum manager tool. Topics covered will show you how to define scope and sequence, course mapping and how to schedule / publish curriculum to educators.	<a href="#">Webinar Registration</a>
<b>3/26/2015</b>	3:30-4:30	OpenClass – Building Online Capacity and Best Practices	In this webinar, you will learn how educators can use OpenClass to: Present online course content, explore subjects using social learning, collaborate on projects, and hold active discussions.  Best practices will be discussed by local instructional designers and developers.	<a href="#">Webinar Registration</a>

**North Carolina Educator Evaluation System (NCEES) February and March Webinars**

Please join us on selected Tuesdays in Feb and March from 1:00 to 3:00 as we explore different topics about the NCEES’ tools located within Home Base.

Feb 24: Home Base PD System: Creating a Self-Paced Course  
Please visit <http://bit.ly/1AOp4hv> to register.

March 17: NCEES Process: Completing the Teacher Summary Evaluation Form  
Please visit <http://bit.ly/1DnztIQ> to register.

**Spring 2015: Instructor-Facilitated and CEU Credited Online Courses**

Looking for high-quality professional development and the opportunity to interact with peers? Now you can participate in a series of instructor–facilitated online courses that are being offered for Session 1, Spring 2015. These courses will continue through February. Registration is now open. Our second spring session will be offered starting Mar 30.

Course name
Digital Literacies in the Classroom (6 weeks)
Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science and Technical Subjects: Part 1 (5 weeks)
Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science and Technical Subjects: Part 2 (6 weeks)

Introduction to Data Literacy (5 weeks)
Data Literacy in Action (6 weeks)
Introduction to Universal Design for Learning (4 weeks)
Universal Design for Learning: Part 2 (4 weeks)
Connecting with our 21st Century Learners (6 weeks)
North Carolina Professional Teaching Standards (6 weeks)
Building and Sustaining PD (6 weeks)

Complete registration online is at no cost to North Carolina educators. Courses will be facilitated by the NCDPI professionals. Participants are expected to meet all weekly deadlines in order to receive CEUs. Partial credit will not be given.

For a description of the courses and associated CEUs, visit <https://rt3nc.org/>. Registration is limited to 35 participants per section. To register, follow these instructions: Log in to the NCEES system using your usual PowerSchool log in or the alternate log in <http://bit.ly/1zX2bmU>

- > Click the Professional Development tab.
- > You can search for the course by name and populate the list to select it.
- > Click on the course title; then click on the section.
- > Click on the register button.

Directions on how to register are available here: <http://bit.ly/1AwHYtb>. Contact Dr. Geetanjali Soni at [Geetanjali.soni@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:Geetanjali.soni@dpi.nc.gov) if you have any questions.

### **PowerSchool Scheduling – Q & A Forum Webinars**

These webinars are facilitated forums and won't offer any presentations. They will be an open forum for attendees to ask their scheduling questions to a panel of the NCDPI staff members.

#### Dates, Times and Registration Links

- Wednesday, March 4, 1:00 p.m.  
<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/810025944>
- Wednesday, March 11, 1:00 p.m.  
<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/829296344>
- Wednesday, March 18, 1:00 p.m.  
<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/843805984>

- Wednesday, March 25, 1:00 p.m.  
<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/866556920>

\*\* Please note all registration information is subject to NC Public Records Law.  
For more information about NC SIS training and documentation, please visit our website at <http://www.nc-sis.org>.

### **Coming in July 2015! Logging into Home Base with the IAM Service**

You may know by now that the IAM Service will be replacing the "PowerSchool Single Sign-on" solution after the 2014-2015 End-of-Year processing, July 6. With this change, all North Carolina K-12 students and employees will login to Home Base applications using their NCEdCloud username and password. The accounts are currently available and LEAs and Charter Schools can begin providing students and employees their accounts at any time. Employees can follow the "Claim Account" process described in [For Teachers and Staff](#) on the [NCEdCloud IAM Website](http://ncedcloud.mcnc.org) (ncedcloud.mcnc.org). Students' accounts will be issued by their teachers, who have access to their students' usernames and initial passwords. Parents will continue to use the PowerSchool Parent Portal for access to student information.

More information on the IAM Service, including Getting Started, FAQ, Resources and background information is available on the [NCEdCloud IAM website](http://bit.ly/1KpkLfH). <http://bit.ly/1KpkLfH>

### **Next Home Base Maintenance Weekend is March 13-16**

The next Home Base maintenance weekend is scheduled for Friday, March 13, through Monday, March 16. 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., Monday morning. If a delay in bringing up the system should occur, users will be notified via NC SIS email and the new [Home Base Alert on Twitter](#): <http://bit.ly/1zVb561>

PowerSchool 8.0 – 8.1.1 release notes may be viewed at [http://www.nc-sis.org/release\\_highlights.html](http://www.nc-sis.org/release_highlights.html). Please refer to these notes for additional changes.

You can view the entire upcoming schedule of maintenance weekends [here](#) (or copy and paste <http://bit.ly/1HEB335>).

### **IN CASE YOU MISSED IT**

#### **Cross-District Strategic Solutions Webinar Link**

Districts may participate in Cross-District Strategic Solutions, state-wide topic based forums (about 1 hour). These sessions are designed to help build a problem-solving, solution-generating Professional Learning Network of educators open to district leaders, administrators, teachers, counselors and coaches across the state. If you missed prior Cross-District Strategic Solutions Webinars, you may still visit the topical list with links to register, visit protocol links and watch videos by clicking [here](#).

Should you have any questions, please email Heather Stewart, [heather.stewart@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:heather.stewart@dpi.nc.gov).

#### **Schoolnet Training Site**

In January, the NCDPI and Pearson updated and refreshed the Schoolnet training site.

What this means to you and your institution:

The training site has more meaningful data/reports to explore and review in your training efforts. The training site still has tens of thousands of assessment items and instructional materials to support your training efforts. Additionally:

- Each LEA and Charter School will have their own new unique set of teacher login accounts to use for training purposes and can access students and school leadership connected with their teacher.
- LEAs / Charter Schools will share district leadership accounts.
- You will now also have logins for additional role-specific users. LEAs/Charter School will share a pool of logins for scenario based login accounts, e.g. School Library Media Coordinators, ITFs, Coaches, Teachers who have permission to create benchmarks, staff or any teacher who has ability to approve assessment items, or approve instructional materials and more.

The training site will continue to be accessed at <http://bit.ly/Wb2yNC>. Then select Home Base Training District from the dropdown tab next to the “sign in with” prompt. Next, log in with your user/password.

If you are a trainer in your district or charter school, please look for an email with your new login credentials. If you have any questions, please contact the Home Base Support Center at [homebase.incidents@its.nc.gov](mailto:homebase.incidents@its.nc.gov)

### **Benchmarking Soon? Let Us Know When**

The NCDPI and Pearson teams are continuing to improve and monitor Schoolnet, especially during peak usage times including those times when many districts administer their benchmark tests. In order for us to have the most up-to-date information in one place and to be able to anticipate peak testing time, we ask that you fill out a quick and simple form at <http://goo.gl/MB5oax> to let us know about your plans for benchmarking.

We look forward to hearing from you about your benchmark plans.

### **High Quality Online PD Modules: Available Now!**

Please take advantage of our self-paced, facilitated modules and mini-modules available to teachers and principals at no charge! You may click here to access a printable version of current modules: <http://bit.ly/1BDKgam>. All modules may be accessed through the Educator Effectiveness PD System through Home Base. In addition, you may get ideas for staff and PLCs using the implementation guide, found here: [www.rt3nc.org](http://www.rt3nc.org). Over 50 professional development opportunities are listed here for your educators.

Please contact Dr. Geetanjali Soni, [Geetanjali.soni@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:Geetanjali.soni@dpi.nc.gov) or any member of the *Educator Effectiveness Division* with any questions.

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