

Home Base/RttT Biweekly Update



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Teacher Spotlight

This week's [Teacher Spotlight](#) features teachers from Albemarle Middle School in Stanly County. Casey Maner and Jennifer Walker share how they use the data from Schoolnet to not only inform instruction, but also to support students in becoming more knowledgeable about how they can use assessment data to streamline areas that require remediation. In addition to the video, the teachers provide a screen cast (link) which will walk you through how they use Schoolnet.

Classroom teachers, if you want us to feature your video and let us know how you use Home Base, please send an email to [Home Base Ready](#).

The Collaborative Conference for Student Achievement, March 30 - April 1

The 2015 Collaborative Conference for Student Achievement (CCSA), March 30 - April 1, at the Sheraton Four Seasons/Joseph S. Koury Convention Center, 3121 High Point Road in Greensboro, is quickly approaching. Don't miss these relevant and notable sessions:

- Sparking Hope: Teaching as a Catalyst to Launching Great Learning – Sean McComb, 2014 National Teacher of the Year
- Your School's Brand Determines Student Outcomes *plus* Effective Vice-Principal Leadership – Baruti Kafele, School Leadership and Development
- The Resilience Revolution – Brooks Gibbs, Featured Presenter
- The Literacy Solution: More Reading, More Knowledge – Elfrieda Hiebert, TextProject, University of California, Santa Cruz
- Transforming 21st Century Teaching and Learning: Demographically Speaking – James H. Johnson, University of North Carolina, Kenan-Flager Business

In addition, hear presentations from a group of important stakeholders – our students:

- Do You Know Me? – Hoke County Middle School Students
- Words as Weapons for Positive Change – Poetry Project, Guilford County Schools
- Student Six – Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools

Don't delay - learn more and register for the conference today!

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

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Governor's Teacher Network: Teacher-Leaders Sharing Research Across NC

The Governor's Teacher Network (GTN), composed of 425 outstanding teachers, are deep in curriculum study, writing and implementing action research at their school sites. These teachers are creating exceptional instructional unit sequences which will be hosted in Schoolnet. Additionally, GTN teachers are presenting action research projects regionally and nationally. Action research projects will live in the professional development system of Home Base as online modules. Districts are hosting GTN showcases in regional meetings while several teachers are sharing their projects' work and findings at the Collaborative Conference for Student Achievement in Greensboro March 29 – April 2. Teachers also have an exciting opportunity to present their action research findings to educational leaders at NCCAT in Cullowhee for the GTN Research Symposium May 1 – 3. This is a great opportunity for educators across the state to learn from our teacher leaders in the field, sharing their cutting edge research findings. Check us out at CCSA during the focus sessions!

For more information, contact Angela Jackson, angela.jackson@dpi.nc.gov, director of the Governor's Teacher Network.

2013-14 Standardized Test Data Available in Schoolnet

Additional standardized test data are now available in Schoolnet. The EOC/EOG data from 2013-14 has been added along with ACT, PLAN, EXPLORE, DIBELS and TRC data. The data can be found on the student profile under the standardized test data tab or in preformatted or custom reports on standardized test data.

To go with this additional data, Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for standardized test data have also been enabled for users. You can access the new KPIs under School and District Data Module within Schoolnet on the same dashboard where you already have access to benchmark test KPIs. The list below is the complete list of standardized test data that can currently be found in Schoolnet.

2012-13 and 2013-14 EOG and EOC

2012-13 and 2013-14 ACT, PLAN, EXPLORE

2012-13 and 2013-14 DIBELS and TRC

2012-13 CTE Post-Assessments (HS)

Benchmarking Soon? Let Us Know When

The NCDPI is pleased to report that Schoolnet continues to provide a stable instructional improvement system with no known system-wide issues. We are still continuing to improve and monitor Schoolnet, especially during peak usage times, such as 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.

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) at <http://bit.ly/1KpkLfH>

Principals Registered Yet? 2015 Principal READY Begins in March

Principals across the state will engage in sessions on EVAAS, Teachers Working Conditions data (TWC) and supporting the Universal Design for Learning (UDL). Discussing professional teaching standards, the classroom observation process and specific school data, administrators will interact with colleagues and Educator Effectiveness staff for the 4th session of the principal professional development series.

Dates:

- Region 1, April 22
- Region 2, April 21
- Region 3, March 12
- Region 4, March 10
- Region 5, April 14
- Region 6, April 13
- Region 7, March 24
- Region 8, March 25

Registration Link: <http://bit.ly/1GtVTi9>

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 in March and April

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/1KplNZ2> and <http://bit.ly/1Dq1RU1>.

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

Below you will find the new topics for the upcoming March and April Schoolnet webinars.

Date	Time	Topic	Description	Registration
3/19/2015	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.	Webinar Registration
3/26/2015	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.	Webinar Registration
4/2/2015	3:30-4:30	Schoolnet – School and District Data Component: Custom Reporting and KPIs	In this Schoolnet webinar, we will look at options for custom or pre-formatted reporting related to benchmark performance and standardized assessment data. Included in the discussion will be information about the KPI dashboard for standardized assessments.	Webinar Registration

4/9/2015	3:30-4:30	Schoolnet – Assessment Admin Component: Co-authoring items and assessments	This Schoolnet webinar demonstrates how to utilize Schoolnet’s collaborative capabilities to co-author assessment items, rubrics, passages and entire assessments.	Webinar Registration
4/16/2015	3:30-4:30	Schoolnet – Classrooms Component: ITF and Media Coordinators Best Practices	This webinar offers a roundtable discussion by the NCDPI Schoolnet experts and SLMCs and ITFs experienced in Schoolnet on best practices and more! For the ITF and SLMC focus, essential questions will be answered including "How can Schoolnet help me meet my professional standards?" and "How can Schoolnet help me meet the performance indicators for my evaluation?"	Webinar Registration
4/23/2015	3:30-4:30	OpenClass – Formative Assessment and Schoolnet Resources	This webinar demonstrates using OpenClass to support the formative assessment process in the classroom. Also how to tie in Schoolnet resources and resources from Pearson's Exchange into OpenClass courses to deliver high quality, multimedia rich, and standard based content.	Webinar Registration
4/30/2015	3:30-4:30	Schoolnet – User Management Roles & Permissions	This webinar will provide training in managing user access in Schoolnet. You will learn how to review recently added and existing roles and permissions. Specific examples and issues pertaining to user roles and permissions will also address multiple permissions for roles.	Webinar Registration

Webinars Help Educators Find Solutions

Looking for feedback from peers from other districts? Teams or individuals may now participate in Cross-district Strategic Solutions statewide topic-based forums. The purpose of *Cross-district Strategic*

Solutions sessions is to build a problem-solving, solution-generating Professional Learning Network of educators open to district leaders, administrators, teachers and coaches across the state. Educator Effectiveness PD Leads will assist you with facilitating the process. During the forum sessions, teams or individuals introduce a challenging issue and receive feedback from other participants across the state. Each forum session is held in the late afternoon. See the schedule below and join the conversation!

Positive feedback from past attendees:

“This framework offers a structure for presenting issues, asking questions and gathering feedback I can use back in my district.”

“A great venue for learning from educators we never get to see, and getting ideas from peers across the state.”

Date	Topic	Registration
3/26/2015	Getting Excited About Data	Webinar Registration
4/15/2015	Transitioning to Digital Text	Webinar Registration
4/16/2015	Differentiated Instruction Based Upon Data	Webinar Registration
4/20/2015	Preparing for Math I While Remediating Middle School	Webinar Registration
4/28/2015	Recruitment and Retention	Webinar Registration
4/29/2015	Vertical Transition from 5 th to 6 th Grade	Webinar Registration

To view an example of a Cross-district Strategic Solutions forum, visit <http://bit.ly/virtualmodeling1030>. To download the protocol, go to: <http://bit.ly/cdssprotocol>. Questions? Contact Educator Effectiveness consultant, Heather Stewart, heather.stewart@dpi.nc.gov

Educator Effectiveness Facilitated Online Courses, Spring 2015

Looking for high-quality professional development and the opportunity to interact with peers? Registration will open March 9 for online instructor-facilitated online courses starting Monday, March 30.

Course name
Digital Literacies in the Classroom (7 weeks)
Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science and Technical Subjects: Part 1 (5 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 21 Century Learners (6 weeks)
North Carolina Professional Teaching Standards (6 weeks)
Building and Sustaining PD (6 weeks)
Responsibilities of the 21st Century Educator (7 weeks)

For a description of the courses and associated CEUs, visit our website <https://rt3nc.org/>. These courses are available at no cost to North Carolina educators and are facilitated by the NCDPI professionals. The courses are completed entirely online. Participants are expected to meet all weekly deadlines in order to receive CEUs. Partial credit will not be given for these courses.

Registration is limited to 35 participants per section. Follow the instructions below to log into Home Base to self-register for a course.

- Log in to the NCEES system using your usual PowerSchool log in or the alternate log in <https://ncees.homebase.ncpublicschools.gov/alternateLogin.html>
- Click the Professional Development tab.
- You can search for the course, or list all opportunities to find your course.
- Click on the course title and section.
- Click on the register button.

Directions on how to register are also available at <http://bit.ly/1ACOUzt>. Questions, contact Educator Effectiveness Online Developer, Dr. Geetanjali Soni at Geetanjali.soni@dpi.nc.gov.

PD MOOClet: Effective Digital Strategies for Teaching and Learning in the K-12 Classroom

The Educator Effectiveness team announces another session of Effective Digital Strategies for Teaching and Learning in the K-12 Classroom: A PD MOOClet, starting March 30. Registration will open March 9. Duration: 6 Weeks (20 hours) Credits: 2 CEUs Maximum registration: 300

This course focuses on using digital tools and strategies to support teaching and learning and enriching individuals' knowledge through developing communities of practice across the state. In this course, we will look at keystones for the 21st century classroom, the 4Cs - Creativity, Critical Thinking, Communication and Collaboration. This MOOClet:

- Is learner-centered, focusing on participants' professional needs in different disciplines and grade levels
- Focuses on participants as creators of content as much as they are "consumers" of content
- Involves extensive peer-to-peer communication
- Includes a larger number of students than a typical facilitator-led course

Who should participate?

Active, collaborative learners who are self-driven, motivated, flexible and enjoy sharing information and resources. To register, follow the instructions shared above to log into the Professional Development system of Home Base.

Contact Educator Effectiveness Online Developer, Dr. Geetanjali Soni at Geetanjali.soni@dpi.nc.gov if you have any questions.

North Carolina Educator Evaluation System (NCEES) March Webinar

Please join NCEES presenters March 24 for the webinar: Home Base PD System - Your Turn Now. This webinar will showcase upcoming courses from the NCDPI and discuss district created courses. How have you implemented your ideas? What obstacles have you faced using the system and how have you addressed those obstacles? We will provide answers to all questions that were submitted by March 17.

Register here: <http://bit.ly/1GghI9f>

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. Registration is now open. Our spring session will be offered starting March 30.

Course name
Digital Literacy 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)
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Connecting with our 21st Century Learners (6 weeks)
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Complete online registration 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 login <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 if you have any questions.

PowerSchool Scheduling – Q & A Forum Webinars

The remaining March forum webinar is a facilitated forum and won't offer any presentations. Included are the dates and registration links for June's schedule too. The webinars will be an open forum for attendees to ask their scheduling questions to a panel of the NCDPI staff members.

Dates and Registration here:

Wednesday, March 25, 1 p.m.
Register here: <http://bit.ly/1B65yrX>

Friday, June 5, 1 p.m.
Friday, June 12, 1 p.m.
Wednesday, June 17, 1 p.m.
Wednesday, June 24, 1 p.m.
Register here: <http://bit.ly/1B65yrX>

** 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>.

PowerSchool Scheduling Workshops

The 2015 Scheduling workshops are now open for sign ups. LEA/Charter School Coordinators are asked to sign up the school they designate to attend each session. Please note that each LEA is limited to one

seat within their region in a Build & Load Workshop and one seat within their region in a Load Only Workshop. Sign ups not created by a coordinator will be deleted. Multiple sign ups must also be removed. Workshop selections will be checked against the region. Please sign up within your RESA region – seats were assigned using these as the guide. (Regional Map: <http://bit.ly/1FGOLDQ>). If additional seats are available after initial sign ups are completed, they will be advertised at a later date.

Session information and sign up links can be found on the NC-SIS website under training or here: <http://bit.ly/19DeU8X>

Initial signup continues from March 6 through March 20. After this time, vacant seats may be offered beyond the initial limit. Please take time to make your initial selections before this time to ensure your space is saved within your region.

Workshop Descriptions:

2015 Build Workshops

Build Workshops are offered for schools utilizing the “Build and Load” Methodology. Sessions are hands-on working time. Session facilitators will assist schools with completing their master schedules to the extent time allows. Scheduling teams should have completed all steps in the Prepare to Build Workbook (<http://bit.ly/1FKtNSp>), including validating their build data if possible.

2015 Load Only Workshops

Load Only Workshops are offered for schools utilizing the “Load Only” Methodology. Sessions are hands-on working time. Session facilitators will assist schools with loading their students and completing their schedules to the extent time allows. Scheduling teams should have completed all steps in the Load Process Workbook (<https://powersource.pearsonschoolsystems.com/article/6750?from=search>), ensuring that a complete, valid timetable is in place and the load data is validated, if possible.

Please note: All sessions will run from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. each day with lunch on your own. Participants are required to bring their own technology to the session, as not all of our spaces are computer labs. Schools may send up to 4 participants to each session.

We look forward to working with you in continuing the scheduling process. Questions may be directed to the PowerSchool Training Team:

Aaron Bissonnette, aaron.bissonnette@dpi.nc.gov or Sue Ann Stalnaker, sueann.stalnaker@dpi.nc.gov

Next Home Base Maintenance Weekend is April 24-27

The next Home Base maintenance weekend is scheduled for Friday, April 24, through Monday, April 27. 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](http://bit.ly/1zVb561)

You can view the entire upcoming schedule of maintenance weekends [here](#).

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Department Codes in Schoolnet

The effort to clean up and resolve issues related to department codes from PowerSchool to Schoolnet is complete. In Schoolnet, you will now see the full list of department codes and the mappings of courses

match the same mappings in PowerSchool. This is especially helpful when scheduling assessments and/or mapping curriculum, so please note you will now have the complete list of departments to improve your search for courses.

Home Base Website Updated with Schoolnet Roles and Permissions Documents

The Schoolnet Roles and Permissions webpages have been updated. Please check out <http://bit.ly/1ENLrEF> to find the latest documentation and information about setting up user roles and permissions for Schoolnet.

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 at <http://bit.ly/1zU8uO3>. Register here: <http://bit.ly/1M38Nq1>

New Instructional Materials and Assessment Items Added to Schoolnet!

Below is a breakdown of the number of materials added by type in the Classrooms Module.

Instructional Units K-12: 49

Lesson Plans K-12: 686

Resources K-12: 620

Assessments K-12: 35

In addition, 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 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).

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.

Schoolnet Training Site

The Schoolnet training site has more meaningful data/reports to explore and review in your training efforts. Additionally, the training site offers tens of thousands of assessment items and instructional materials to support your training efforts, including these features:

- 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

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. Over 50 professional development opportunities are listed here for your educators.

Please contact Dr. Geetanjali Soni, Geetanjali.soni@dpi.nc.gov or any member of the *Educator Effectiveness Division* with any questions.

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

You are probably aware that users can 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. To learn more, join a webinar Wednesday, March 25, 3:30-4:30 p.m. called 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>

We encourage you to share this Update. For past issues of Home Base Biweekly Updates, please visit [Biweekly Updates](#). To review a library of updates from 2014, go [here](#).

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