

January 2006 Status Report

January has been another productive month for the BCeSIS iGroup with a number of key steps completed in moving the independent schools forward towards using BCeSIS. The BCeSIS team is very excited to announce that as of today all 60 schools districts have signed up for BCeSIS and 110 independent schools. (over 40% of the independent schools)

1. The first major step was the hiring of Jack Marissen to the iGroup Helpdesk. Jack brings with him a wealth of experience using BCeSIS with independent schools. Jack currently works with Credo Christian School (the first independent school to use BCeSIS in production), and was key in implementation of BCeSIS at Credo. Having Jack on board now will enable the iGroup to clear up some of the backlog of helpdesk issues, and start to help some of the schools with complex school setups. I'm sure all will all join me in welcoming Jack to the iGroup team.
2. The second step was the completion of the first wave of training by an iGroup trainer. Deb Renko did an excellent job in this first session of training, and we look forward to many more training sessions. The first wave of schools is now fully underway with all actively setting up their schools in STAGE1, and preparing for going into production.
3. In addition the next wave of training has been scheduled, and to be presented by Deb, for the next 12 schools. This session is happening at the end of February and middle of March. The iGroup would like to thank Credo Christian School for supplying a computer lab to accommodate this next session of training. There will be still two more sessions of training for schools looking to go live in September 2006

Finally, continue to check the website (www.bcesisigroup.ca) for regular updates and announcements, and feel free to email me (andrewsmit@bcesisigroup.ca) if you have any concerns or questions.

Thank-you

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