



Recent ISW Updates:

*District Collaboration Centre > BCeSIS Standards > **BCeSIS Standards Manual v15 - September 2011** (revised)*

*District Collaboration Centre > Information Updates > **Class Size** (updated with new information received from the Ministry)*

*Learning Resource Centre > Recurring Events & Processes > Ministry Reporting > **Preparing for TRAX Reference Guide***

Operational Services

Chris Wilson

The next SD Test Refresh will be the weekend of October 8-9, as shown on the ISW Important Dates calendar. The dates were announced previously on the L1 call (and in the minutes) as October 1-2 so please be aware that the October refresh will actually take place on the second weekend in October, not the first.

Application Management Services

Chris Wilson

The **SEWG bundle of enhancements** is scheduled for implementation on December 14th. However, we will be implementing the SEWG Report Card changes for course-based schools early, on October 19th. We do not have any volunteers yet for the Report Card portion of the SEWG; which will occur Oct. 11 – 13th. The changes will go in regardless, but user acceptance testers are always preferred and appreciated. If you are able to assist with this earlier testing, please email [Dorothy Ward](mailto:Dorothy.Ward@bc.edu)

Some of the SEWG changes are related to **1701 and CE Schools**. These changes will not be implemented in time for the September 1701, but will be available for the February 1701 reporting period. On a related topic, there is a document on **1701 for students enrolled in two schools** which can be found on the ISW > District Collaboration Centre > Information Updates > 1701.

The **Release Notes for the SEWG enhancements** are now posted to the ISW; click the link in the BCeSIS Important Dates calendar on the ISW. Please note, in the past we have used the HEAT change request ticket numbers in the Release Notes – we are now using the SEWG work package document numbers, as these correspond with the numbers on the BCeSIS Continuous Improvement page under District Collaboration. If you open any of these documents, you will see the related HEAT ticket numbers.

Reminder that the **Class Size extract** will be taken from BCeSIS on **October 4th**. For current information on Class Size from the Ministry, please refer to the District Collaboration Centre > Information Updates > Class Size.

Thank you to everyone who responded to the **Performance Survey** last week. There is one more survey going out this morning; we are only doing two surveys, just to get a sense of the user perspective. We had quite a few responses to last week's survey and the results were very positive.

Problems currently being worked on:

(Please note: updates in **bold** text were added after the L1 Conference Call)

Functional Area	Description of the Issue	Status
Copy IEP	Duplication of Goal Progress Reports	Pre-release (fix) expected by the end of this week
Standardized Tests	When scheduling a course where the Standardized Test is not required, an error message stating " <i>Test Session Date is Missing</i> " is displayed. This has a direct impact on the cancellation of the Optional Exams.	Testing failed; returned to aal
Adding course section to student timetables ("How Taken" field)	<p>Some schools report having difficulty adding course sections to student timetables. One impact of this is the following scenario occurring specifically with cross-enrolled students: Courses appear to simulate correctly, but when the user attempts to save the changes, no confirmation message is received. When the user attempts to exit the screen, they are prompted to save at which point the message "Error: Cannot change a course selection from a different school" is displayed.</p> <p>This problem occurs with recently scheduled courses that were set up on the course section maintenance screen with the How-Taken field left blank.</p> <p><u>Possible workaround</u>: Until this problem is resolved, if you are experiencing unusual behaviour with student course scheduling, entering a How Taken value in course section maintenance may correct it.</p>	Implemented in Production Tuesday, Sept. 27

Learning Management

Chris Wilson

There is a SADE Learning Event scheduled for Wednesday afternoon; as well as two Report Card learning events (one for course-based and one for curriculum-based schools), and a Goal Progress Reports learning event coming up next week. The SEWG Report Card changes for course-based schools will be touched on during the related report cards.

As usual, related learning materials will be posted prior to the events, and Elluminate recordings will be posted afterwards.

Service Management Council (SMC), Software Enhancement Working Group (SEWG)

Andrew Macauley

The full SMC met last Tuesday. The next meeting of the Executive will be October 25th. Ron Dawshka reviewed work that was done in preparation for September, and shared statistics on performance. Other items discussed included changes required by a small number of K-12 schools that are still listed as part of the 1995 grad program; removal of optional exams; developments regarding the Gartner report; and changes planned for the Southern BC Users' Consortium. The group will be taking on a provincial rather than regional presence, and establishing sub-committees for focused areas of interest. There will be a meeting of the consortium on October 26th in Abbotsford. More information on this has been posted on the BCeSIS listserv.

Operations and Standards Working Group (OSWG)

Ian Larsson

The **OSWG September bulletin** is coming this week. It will be distributed through the Service Desk and will be posted to the ISW as well. Re the piece on cross-enrollment, please read and update any schools you think need reminding of enrolment standards. At this time of year in particular, new staff may not understand the intricacies of cross-enrollment.

After consultation with provincial auditors and districts, the bulletin also includes a compiled list of reports that will provide information that auditors look for. This should be useful to ensure your schools have what they need. Some of these need to be run by September 30th.