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*Learning Resource Centre > Training and Support > Learning Event Schedule > Student Services: Managing Assessments (new learning event posted)*

*BCeSIS Important Dates > December 2011 – SEWG Enhancements > Detailed Release notes for Report Card changes (to be implemented Oct. 19)*

**Operational Services**

*Dorothy Ward*

The next SD Test Refresh is scheduled for November 5-6, 2011.

**Application Management Services**

*Dorothy Ward*

SEWG Report Card enhancements (part of the December release) are being implemented in Production tomorrow, October 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to those who helped out with User Acceptance Testing. Detailed Release Notes are posted on the ISW at:

*ISW – Home > BCeSIS Important Dates > December 2011 – SEWG Enhancements (click the links in the calendar) OR*

*ISW – Home > BCeSIS Important Dates > BCeSIS Releases > December 2011 – SEWG Enhancements*

Note: There is one page for the December Release, even though the Report Card component of the changes is being implemented this week. The Release notes document currently contains details only about the Report Card, and will be updated prior to the December release date with the information on the other elements of the release.

**Problems currently being worked on**

Functional Area	Description of the Issue	Status
Copy IEP	Duplication of Goal Progress Reports	This is now going into UAT, if all goes well the plan is to implement changes Oct. 19 <sup>th</sup> .  <u>Update:</u> This was successfully implemented in Production on Oct. 19 <sup>th</sup> as scheduled.
Standardized Tests	Oct 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2011: In compliance with the Ministry decision to cancel Optional Exams, the “Use Ext. Test?” field for all affected courses was set to “Not Required” and all existing standardized tests for these courses were removed. Subsequently, a problem was identified whereby standardized tests are still being	This has been escalated to high priority (P1) with aal. We are still waiting for a fix.

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	<p>created for any student who was (or will be) scheduled (i.e. simulated) into a section of these courses since this change was implemented. These standardized tests are being picked up by the TRAX extract and are appearing on the .xam file. If the file is submitted to the Ministry, these are producing errors.</p> <p><b>Workaround:</b> To correct this, exam records for these courses need to be manually removed from the Student Standardized Testing screen and the TRAX extract run and submitted to the Ministry.</p>	
“How Taken” required field and Class Transfer	<p>There have been ongoing problems associated with the change making “How Taken” a required field. There have been several fixes; the latest was implemented in Production Tuesday, Sept. 27. Subsequent to that, a related error was identified: When Course Section Maintenance is pushed out from MTB, the How Taken field is not populated. This can cause problems if Class Transfer is used to mass assign courses to a student's schedule as the null value is copied to the student's course selections.</p>	<p>A request was submitted to aal to identify any other areas that may have been impacted as a result of making this field required. aal has indicated the only other area affected is MTB. They are currently working on a fix, and hope to have to us by end of the week. Once we test it, if all goes well it will be implemented asap.</p>

SD61 described how one of their middle schools was able to schedule a class into the same period for eight different courses, and the “How Taken” was set to Regular Classroom, something that should not be possible. SD67 has also encountered a similar problem. HEAT tickets have been submitted, and the team will investigate.

**Update Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

In our investigation of these two incidents, we determined that, in both instances, the scheduling occurred prior to the September 27, 2011 implementation of the ‘How Taken’ fix for the Scheduling Utility which corrected the Class Transfer function. This utility is now operating correctly.

**Learning Management**

*Chris Wilson*

A new Learning Event will be delivered Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>: **Student Services: Managing Assessments**. This is for users and support personnel in any district using the full functionality of the Student Services module, and is open for registration now on the Learning Event Schedule (for anyone with an ISW account)

Though it’s early yet in the school year, it is not too soon to be thinking about **Pre-scheduling and Scheduling**. We offer onsite support and training for these critical business events as part of our Catalogue Services. We can customize offerings to meet specific district needs, including training for new administrators who do not have experience with timetabling in general. If you are interested in learning more, please submit a HEAT ticket and we’ll follow up with you.

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

*Andrew Macauley*

The full SMC conference call that was scheduled for October 25 has been deferred to a later date. If anything critical comes up, SMC representatives will be notified directly.

A notice will be sent out soon to all districts requesting confirmation of SMC representatives for this school year.

**Operations and Standards Working Group (OSWG)**

*Ian Larsson*

Small updates are being made to the Standards Manual, and preparations are underway for the next OSWG meeting.