

Progress Statistics: Week of June 14 – 20, 2010

Schools in production.....	1,976
Number of active students	611,950
Number of inactive students.....	162,259
Maximum distinct user logon sessions in a day	15,163
Total distinct user logons for the week	63,922
Maximum number of reports run in a day.....	32,172
Maximum concurrent users in a day	6,120

Operations

Tim Reilly

Refreshes

The next SD Test refresh will be on July 4th.

Monitoring

As we head into the final stretch for the current school year, we ask everyone to be conscientious when you are running large reports and extracts (e.g. GDE). During the day when the system is at its busiest, reports and extracts can impact other users' online performance. If possible, please leave these types of jobs until the end of the day, so the system resources can be used for day-to-day screen activity.

Updates

Thank you everyone who provided user numbers via the BCeSIS Users' Forecast on the ISW. Over 72% of you participated; a significant increase over last year. We appreciate the information, and have started using it to prepare and ensure the system is ready for school startup in September.

We have fixed the root cause to the incidents on June 18 and 22, when people were not able to log into BCeSIS through the ISW. We should not see this problem come up again.

In March you may recall that we began seeing warnings in BCeSIS about Oracle expired certificates, as well as extra Java runtime warnings. We implemented a workaround to make these stop temporarily and we have now fixed the certificate warning. However, the workaround to limit the number of Java warning will be removed when the Delete Inactive Students functionality is implemented in July. The document Oracle_forms_Digital_Security_Certificates_v1-1.pdf will be sent out to all L1s later today. It contains recommendations on what a district or school can do to minimize the impact of the multiple JRE security warnings. Please review the document to ensure your district is prepared for the re-occurrence of these multiple warnings which require user interaction.

Maintenance Windows

On the weekend of July 10 and 11 the entire system, including the ISW, will be unavailable as we make infrastructure changes in preparation for September.

SD61 submitted an agenda item requesting clarification whether **Daily Physical Activity courses**, which have a blank final grade, will be excluded from the course reload process, CC and YET.

Response: If a student is taking DPA at a CC school, and sections of the course have been set up for Next Year, these will NOT be excluded and students registered in these courses would most likely be rolled through the CC and YET process as they have no final mark.

SD23 enquired if anyone had ideas about **how to identify missing marks**. They stated that it appears the Export Ad Hoc function will do this, but further validation is required to confirm it. One difficulty identified so far is that this process will pull courses that are on the student timetable without sections. For example, duplicate courses from scheduling activities where a blank option is still on the courses screen will get pulled through this export ad hoc process and be exported as missing a final mark. Schools should run the courses missing sections report to clean these up first.

After the call, SD23 provided the following additional information:

The Export/Ad Hoc process below appears to work:

- Reports > Export/Ad Hoc File
- Start over
- From Demographics category, select:
 - Pupil #
 - Surname
 - First Name
- From Other Category, select courses
- From the courses fields in the middle column, select
 - Course Code
 - Course Name
 - Course School (for x-enrolled students)
 - Final Mark
 - Teacher Name
 - Year

Create the file

Choose course-based school(s) to include in the extract

Export and convert to Excel

Filter results by Blanks > cut and paste to a new worksheet and sort as needed

New courses added/existing ones revised

5 new **foundation** courses, along with Course Catalogue descriptions, have been added to BCeSIS. They are:

- MENFH10 LF ENGLISH LEVEL 1/2: COMP-SPK & LISTEN
- MENFI10 LF ENGLISH LEVEL 1/2: COMP-READ
- MENFJ10 LF ENGLISH LEVEL 3/4: COMP-READ
- MENFK10 LF ENGLISH LEVEL 3/4: COMP-WRITE
- MENFL10 LF ENGLISHLEVEL 5/6/7: COMP-WRITE

In addition, changes have been made to some existing courses. **The changes are to the Desc field and the Course Catalogue field.** These changes have been MADE AT THE ENTERPRISE LEVEL but HAVE NOT BEEN PUSHED DOWN, due to concerns about the possibility of overwriting existing district or school information. However, since the **Desc field (i.e. the actual name of the course)** is one of the two fields that has been changed, it was felt that level 1s should be notified so that they would have the opportunity to pull these courses into their districts again, if they choose.

The revised courses are as follows:

MENFA10 LF ENGLISH LEVEL 1: CORE; MENFB10 LF ENGLISH LEVEL 2: CORE; MENFC10 LF ENGLISH LEVEL 3: CORE; MENFD10 LF ENGLISH LEVEL 4: CORE; MENFE10 LF ENGLISH LEVEL 5: CORE; MENFF10 LF ENGLISH LEVEL 6: CORE; MENFG10 LF ENGLISH LEVEL 7: CORE; MICTF10 LF INFO COMM TECH; MMAFA10 LF MATH LEVEL 1; MMAFB10 LF

MATH LEVEL 2; MMAFC10 LF MATH LEVEL 3; MMAFD10 LF MATH LEVEL 4; MMAFE10 LF MATH LEVEL 5; MMAFF10 LF MATH LEVEL 6: APPRENT & WORKPL; MMAFG10 LF MATH LEVEL 6: MATH FOUNDATIONS; MMAFH10 LF MATH LEVEL 7: APPRENT & WORKPL; MMAFI10 LF MATH LEVEL 7: MATH FOUNDATIONS; MSFCH10 LF SCIENCE: CHEMISTRY; MSFSL10 LF SCIENCE: BIOLOGY; MSFPH10 LF SCIENCE: PHYSICS; MSSF-10 LF SOCIAL STUDIES

Recently reported to aal:

Nothing this week.

Training and Support

Chris Wilson

The document **Next Year Enrollment - Understanding the BC Enrollment report**, which was sent with last week's minutes, has been updated. We discovered yesterday that there must be a teacher assigned to each course section in order for students to be counted by the BC Enrollment report. If the teacher is not known for a particular course section, a place holder account can be created to assign to these courses so students will be counted. Please refer to version 1.1 of this document.

Several Learning Events for the 2010/2011 school year are now posted to the LE Schedule, and are open for registration. More learning events will be added as they are determined and confirmed. If you register now, and by September forget which ones you signed up for, reminder that you can print a list of all your sessions.

New / Revised Resources posted in the Learning Resource Centre:

*Recurring Events & Processes > School Year End - pre-YET > **Next Year Enrollment – Understanding the BC Enrollment Report, v1.1***

*Recurring Events & Processes > Pre-Scheduling & Scheduling > **Pre-Scheduling Reference Guide, v.1.6***

*Focused Areas of Interest > Summer Schools > **Summer School Reference Guide, v1.1***

Governance

Andrew Macauley

The final SMC Executive meeting is scheduled for this afternoon, and the group will look at the direction for the Ministry arm of the BCeSIS provincial team.

A referendum has been in play for some time regarding the service funding strategy; this was completed on Sunday, and the proposal from the executive was accepted and adopted. It will be used as the basis for planning for the next couple of years.

SEWG

Victoria Williams

The SEWG will be meeting as required through the summer.

In response to requests from some L1s, there is now a document posted in the L1 Resources section on the ISW with the operational change request criteria. This provides a clear outline of how each item is prioritized by the SEWG.