

## **November and December Status Report**

This has been a very exciting month for the BCeSIS iGroup. There have been a number of key milestones that have been achieved this past two months. Most remarkable is that fact that we have over 95 independent schools who have signed the MOU with the intention of implementing BCeSIS in the next couple of years.

1. The first major achievement this month was the completion of the first week of training for our wave 1 schools by an iGroup trainer. Deb Renko, with the assistance of provincial trainer Sandi Plewes, did an excellent job as a trainer, and we are looking forward to many more successful training sessions with Deb. The wave 1 schools are going to receive their second week of training in January.
2. The second major achievement is the launch of the BCeSIS iGroup online helpdesk. ([www.bcesisigroup.ca/bcesis\\_helpdesk/](http://www.bcesisigroup.ca/bcesis_helpdesk/)) which provides a central place for all schools that have started implementation to report and track issues. Please make sure to check out the documentation section of the iGroup website ([www.bcesisigroup.ca/documentation/](http://www.bcesisigroup.ca/documentation/)) for more information on how helpdesk requests are handled and a basic test for connectivity.
3. The BCeSIS iGroup has also released a conversion strategy to help schools decide whether they should convert their data or manually enter data. This conversion strategy outlines what tools are available to help convert data, which tools are being supported by the iGroup, and estimate resources and time require. The decision to convert is an important decision, because the correct decision will save both time and resources.
4. The BCeSIS iGroup has also released a security model. Security is a major component of BCeSIS and one of the major key success factors. The security model outlines how security is setup in BCeSIS, what roles and security classes are available, and the process for getting usernames created.

The new year looks to be very exciting with the first wave of schools starting to go-live and second wave of schools starting to receive training and begin the process of going live on BCeSIS. Finally, continue to check the website ([www.bcesisigroup.ca](http://www.bcesisigroup.ca)) for regular updates and announcements, and feel free to email me ([andrewsmit@bcesisigroup.ca](mailto:andrewsmit@bcesisigroup.ca)) if you have any concerns or questions.

Thank-you

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