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Fall 2007 Users' Conference – October 22 - 23 at the Sacramento Convention Center

The Fall 2007 Users' Conference will be held October 22-23, 2007 at the Sacramento Convention Center in Sacramento, CA. The registration information has been mailed. You may also download registration materials at [Conference Registration](#). Contact Lucille Stephenson at (888) 487-7555 for further assistance.

In order to receive the Early Registration rate for the conference, your registration must be postmarked/faxed by September 12, 2007. Please refer to the Registration Materials for specific registration deadlines and fees. The **registration final deadline** is October 3, 2007, **or when capacity has been reached. We have sold out past conferences, so register early!** There will be **no walkup** registrations accepted at the Conference.

Eagle Software has arranged for a limited number of rooms at the special conference rate at the Sheraton Grand Sacramento. In order to receive the special rate, you must register with the hotel on or before Friday, September 21, 2007. Call the hotel at (800) 325-3535 to secure room reservations at the special conference rate. This block sells out early, so don't delay. If the block has sold out, go to the Eagle Software website for additional lodging information.

Please Help Us Keep Your District Information Current

Has Your District Information Changed?

Please take a moment to notify Eagle Software when information about your District changes (i.e. Contact names change due to things like retirement, change of position, address/phone numbers, school information including new schools etc.). An email is the best way to notify Eagle Software when changes occur. Please contact Lucille Stephenson at Lucille@aeries.com or (888) 487-7555. Please help us keep our records up to date so that we can better assist your District.

Access 2007 and Windows Vista

We have identified some serious issues with Aeries not running properly with Access 2007 and/or under Windows Vista. Be aware that both of these applications have a completely new look and feel that will require you to do additional training with your staff.

We have made the necessary changes to Aeries and are BETA testing them now. While we expect to release these changes in July, we would still encourage all Aeries schools/districts to delay upgrading to these newest versions of Access and Windows at least until the first service pack is released for them.

End of Life for Access '97 & 2000 Versions of Aeries

As these two versions of Access are no longer supported by Microsoft, Eagle Software has made the decision to stop supporting versions of Aeries made using them this year (2007).

We are going to switch our own internal development over to Access 2002 (XP) this summer, and by the end of August discontinue new development in Access '97 and Access 2000.

We will continue to make critical fixes to the older versions of Aeries through the end of the year, but we encourage everyone still on the older versions of Access to upgrade to a newer version by the end of summer 2007.

CSIS Changes for Aeries

Eagle Software recently added a new extract to the Periodic Enrollment Update in Aeries. This new extract can be run for the entire school year, or be given a start date upon which the extract is based. Only the Attendance Enrollment or Program Participation/Eligibility changes will trigger a student to be included in the Periodic Enrollment Update Extract from Aeries. CSIS recommends that all districts do an end-of-year Enrollment Update submission. This will help districts when preparing to submit the Annual Maintenance in the Fall.

CSIS Changes for Fall Submission

This fall the CBEDS report and CSIS Fall Submission will change due to the ongoing transition to CALPADS at the state level. The major change this year will be that ALL districts state-wide will be reporting their Graduate and Dropout information through CSIS during the Annual Maintenance Submission. This information will be in addition to the student counts by school that were transitioned to CSIS last fall.

CSIS Best Practices Cohort Receives Funding

Districts now have a great way to help improve their data management and make CSIS processing quicker and easier. The Best Practices Cohort can provide eligible districts funding for a variety of reasons. Eagle Software encourages all eligible districts to evaluate the Best Practices Cohort and sign up. More information can be found at <http://www.csis.k12.ca.us/bp-cohort/>.

CSIS Direct Certification Process

Districts above 10,000 students recently received a letter from the CDE's Nutrition Services Division addressed to the district's Food Services Director. This letter indicated that districts of this size will have the opportunity to participate in a Direct Certification process to identify students in households that qualify for free school meals. Participating districts will need to submit a CSIS Periodic Enrollment Update that includes student address information. This extract from Aeries is currently being adjusted to include an option for student addresses and should be available in an Aeries version in early July.

ABI AeriesCS Uploads

ABI for AeriesCS districts now has the capability to Upload and manage files directly through ABI. This will allow teachers to upload files directly through ABI and have access to those files to associate with Gradebook Assignments and Calendar Events. Students and parents logging into the system will also have the ability to download and view these files.

Elementary Academic Record

Eagle Software has created a new report that shows the Standards Based Grade History of a student as well as the Enrollment History, and Contact Information. Please see the related documentation at

[Elementary Academic Record.](#)

Aeries Scheduler Enhancement – Balance Academic Weight

The Aeries Scheduler now supports a new option to Balance Academic Weight between terms. For schools running a 4x4 schedule, this option will ensure that students will not be scheduled into too many difficult classes during a single term while another term has several classes with a lighter academic load.

Physical Fitness 2007 – New Fitness.MDB

The 5/11/2007 Aeries update included a new Fitness.MDB for 2007. This is a copy of the State of California's database for the spring of 2007. Aeries Physical Fitness forms will extract into this new format or text files. It will also ask the user to input and or verify certain data the State is asking for that Aeries may not store (i.e.; County name and Charter School Number). The Create Fitness Extract form in the District has been modified. New fields have been added to the Physical Fitness Table (PFT) to indicate which test in a particular category was taken. Please see the documentation at [Physical Fitness 2007](#) for more information.

Aeries New Feature Highlights

- Print Elementary School Academic Record (aka Elementary Transcript)
- Updated CASEMIS Extract documentation is now available for download

Please refer to the [Major Revision Notes](#) and [Detailed Revision Notes](#) for more information.

CSIS Resources

Eagle Software Support is available to answer questions about the Aeries features that support requests for CSIS Identifiers as well as submitting the annual Enrollment Update. Additionally, Eagle Software recommends that everyone dealing with the CSIS submission be a participant in the CSIS SSID Listserv. You can sign up at: <http://www.csis.k12.ca.us/listserv/>. As you go through the submission process, you may have questions. CSIS has excellent resources for figuring out errors and data discrepancies that are outside of the scope of Eagle Software Support. Here are a few links:

Annual Maintenance FAQ: <http://www.csis.k12.ca.us/faq/SSID-AM-QA.asp>

Online Training: <http://www.csis.k12.ca.us/e-learning/ssid-registration/default.asp>

SSID Documents: <http://www.csis.k12.ca.us/library/statewide-identifier/si-documents.asp>

Aeries_Talk Listserv

Last year, a listserv for Aeries users was created to allow Aeries users to communicate easily with one another. This listserv is completely managed by a District Employee who uses Aeries, NOT by Eagle Software. This allows you the freedom to ask other districts questions about how they accomplish certain tasks. It is not a replacement for normal Aeries Support, but occasionally, an Eagle Software representative may provide input to the listserv. To sign up and participate, go to http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/aeries_talk/ and click Join This Group.

Support Documentation

The Aeries web site contains valuable documentation that can assist you with using the programs that are available within Aeries. This documentation can be downloaded from the Aeries web site **Downloads** page. You can link to these files from **Tech Support** link at www.aeries.com and then use the [Download Procedure Documentation](#) link. To assist you with becoming familiar with the available documentation, **A Listing of Aeries Documentation** displays at the very top of the page which contains the [Public Documentation List](#). This list is a valuable tool that can be downloaded and utilized to assist you with locating documented procedures.

Eagle Software's Calendar

For future reference Eagle Software will be closed in observance of the following Holidays:

- Independence Day – Wednesday, July 4, 2007
- Labor Day – Monday, September 3, 2007
- Thanksgiving (Thursday and Friday) – November 22, 2007 and November 23, 2007