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Welcome to a New School Year!

Eagle Software would like to extend our welcome to all Aeries Users for the 2008-2009 school year. We also want to thank everyone for making Aeries the most popular student information system in California. Aeries is now used by over 420 districts and education agencies state wide. Eagle Software appreciates your ongoing support.

Eagle Software's New Corporate Offices:

Eagle Software is very pleased to announce that we have moved to a new, larger location. Our continued growth created the need to expand the space required for the team who supports your use of Aeries.

Our 888 phone numbers, email addresses, and web page URL remain the same. Only our address and FAX numbers have changed:

New address:

1065 N. PacifiCenter Dr., Suite 400, Anaheim, CA 92806

New FAX numbers:

Business (714) 632-1567
Support (714) 632-8018

No change to our 888 telephone numbers:

Support Department for Eagle Software/Aeries (888) 324-5363
Administration for Eagle Software/Aeries (888) 487-7555

Fall 2008 Users' Conference – October 20 - 21 at the Sacramento Convention Center:

Don't forget to register for the **Fall 2008 Users' Conference** to be held in Sacramento, CA on October 20-21 at the Sacramento Convention Center. The registration materials were mailed in May. You may also download registration materials at [Fall Conference Registration](#). The **registration final deadline** is October 6, 2008, **or when capacity has been reached**. There will be **no walkup** registrations accepted at the Conference.

There are still limited rooms available in an Eagle Software Block at the Hyatt Regency Sacramento - (916) 233-1234 and the Best Western Sutter House – (916) 441-1314.

For those who have registered to attend the Conference, a confirmation letter has been mailed with all the necessary details. We are continuing to send out confirmations as the registrations arrive. Early conference check-in will be available on Sunday, October 19, 2008, beginning at 3:00 PM on the third floor of the convention center. Please refer to the confirmation letter for specific details.

2008 STAR Test Results:

The STAR Test Results program has been modified to support the 2008 Data File Layout. Major changes have been made to this program that will now load three separate files. All three files MUST be loaded into Aeries. In addition to the CST, CAT-6, CAPA, EAP and STS test scores being loaded, there are also CMA (California Modified Assessment) scores that will be loaded.

Please see [Load School STAR Results](#) and [Load District STAR Results](#) for more information.

CBEDS Submission:

CBEDS day this year is Wednesday, October 1st. There are no major changes to this year's CBEDS reports in Aeries and the Aeries Documentation did not need to be updated. The changes to the requirements this year will include 2 new fields: the Receiver School and NPS School of Attendance. The Create CBEDS Files form in Aeries will be adjusted the week of CBEDS day. There is a new CDE process for districts to submit their CBEDS data this year which is CDE's new system called OPUS (Online Public Update for Schools). If you have questions about OPUS please use the following link below for the OPUS website:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/td/lo/opus.asp>

If you are used to using the Create CBEDS Files form in Aeries, the CDIF and SIF data extracted from Aeries can be submitted through OPUS. But you will need to wait until after CBEDS day for the update to the CBEDS extracts from Aeries. The CBEDS extract will be updated for this year on October 3.

REMEMBER – You may want to run the optional CBEDS Enrollment by Grade report that will tag all Students enrolled on CBEDS day. It is also important that you create an archived copy of your Aeries database.

Attendance Changes:

Locking Attendance Months (Override):

- The Lock Attendance Month option in Aeries restricts users from updating attendance within a locked month. However, the ability has been added to allow security level users the capability to over-ride the Lock (with a warning).

Deleting Days/Weeks from the DAY table:

- Aeries no longer allows users without a Security level authorization to delete days or weeks from the DAY table. If there is attendance related data (ATT, CAR, BEL) on or after the date they are trying to change, the user MUST have a high level of security to override the warnings that are given.

Continuation Reports:

- Aeries will not allow you to back post attendance beyond ANY program change, such as when a student has left the current "program." This includes all grade, track and program changes in Aeries.
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Discipline & Expulsion Enhancements:

The Assertive Discipline form now includes three tabs:

- **General** – this tab contains the exact same information as the old form.
- **Additional Info** – this tab displays the newly added discipline fields.
- **Expulsions** – displays information from the new EXP table

The "Additional Info" and "Expulsions" tabs are treated as extensions of the discipline record that is chosen in the selection menu. Please refer to the [Discipline and Expulsion Enhancements](#) documentation for more information.

2008 Apenda Data File Layout:

The Import Fixed Length Files program has now been modified to support the new 2008 Apenda Data File Layout. The program was modified to import Test Scores and Special Conditions. For more information please see: [Import Fixed Length Files](#).

2008 CAHSEE Test Results Data File Layout Updated:

The CAHSEE Test Results program has been modified to support the 2008 Data File Layout that is dated June 26, 2008, and can now be loaded into Aeries. The change to the layout included updating the codes for modifications and special conditions. Also, the Special Version codes will now be loaded into the TEX table.

Special Education Data:

The Special Education Data form has been modified to include a new tab that contains the new "Infant" fields required by the State. The General Information tab contains the new "Participation CAHSEE" fields in addition to the other new participation fields added previously. The Create CASEMIS Student File form has also been modified to extract Special Ed data in the new larger format. Please see [Special Education Data](#) for more information.

Create CSIS Data Files:

The Create CSIS Data Files extracts have been modified to support Data Dictionary 9 (Identifier Request, Enrollment Update, and Annual Maintenance). The Enrollment Update and Annual Maintenance extracts were also modified to honor the Student CSIS Home School field.

Regional Workshops:

Please make it a habit to regularly check our website at [Aeries Regional Workshops](#) for a calendar of scheduled workshops and registration information. Our regional workshops are offered on a variety of topics throughout the year, and we are in the planning stages for additional workshops at this time. The workshops will be presented using a lecture format with a single computer and projection unit, and there is limited space available.

Eagle Software's Fall/Winter Calendar:

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

- Veteran's Day – (Tuesday) - November 11, 2008
- Thanksgiving – (Thursday and Friday) - November 27, 2008 and November 28, 2008
- Winter Holidays Schedule:

Our office schedule will be as follows:

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
Dec. 22 – 26	Open	Open	Closed	Holiday	Closed
Dec. 29 – Jan 2	Closed	Closed	Closed	Holiday	Open

Our office will resume normal business hours from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday, January 2, 2009.