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Eagle Software Thanks You For Another Great Year!

Eagle Software continues to grow and we are grateful to each of you for our business relationship. Aeries is used by over 3,445 schools in 480 districts and educational agencies state wide, serving over 2.2 million students. Thank You for helping make Aeries the most used Student Information System in California.

Fall 2009 Users' Conference – Oct. 26th & 27th at the Sacramento Convention Center

The Fall 2009 Users' Conference will be held October 26 - 27, 2009 at the Sacramento Convention Center in Sacramento, CA. The registration information has been mailed. If you have not received a copy of the registration, you can download all the information from the website at [Fall 2009 Users Conference](#).

Eagle Software 4th of July Schedule:

Eagle Software will be closed on Friday, July 3rd in observance of the Fourth of July.

CALPADS Update:

TRAINING – In the last month, Eagle Software has offered 13 “CALPADS in Aeries” Regional Workshops throughout the state. An additional 3 workshops will be available June 30th in Sacramento, Visalia, and Orange County. These workshops have been very well attended and provided valuable information about preparing your schools for the transition from CSIS to CALPADS this summer. The focus has been on the data population requirements within Aeries to support CALPADS reporting and providing advice about how to transition procedures and code sets to support CALPADS.

EXTRACTS – Additionally, Eagle Software has been working with CALPADS and the CALPADS Beta Testers to create and refine various CALPADS Extracts and Imports. This puts Aeries in a very good position to be able to support districts in reporting data to CALPADS.

DOCUMENTATION – Documentation has been made available on our website to cross reference CALPADS fields with the equivalent fields in Aeries: [CALPADS Documentation](#). The Aeries_CALPADS_Cross_Reference_By_Form_Wide.pdf document is helpful in identifying, form by form in Aeries, what fields are required to be populated for CALPADS. Additional documentation including more detailed information about each field will be made available soon.

(CALPADS Update, contd.)

END OF YEAR CSIS SUBMISSION – Eagle Software recommends everyone do a full End-of-Year CSIS Enrollment Update Submission. You should populate any STU.EOY and STU.HSG values that need to be populated for your students and submit a full year's enrollment update to CSIS. This will help you transition to CALPADS easier because reporting those end of year enrollment status changes is easier to do with CSIS than CALPADS.

STEPS YOU CAN DO NOW

- Clean up CRS Table
- Mass Change "9th Grade Entry Year" for current 9th-12th graders.
- Populate the "More Info" tab in the SMS table
- Import Staff Data and get started populating the STH table for Highly Qualified Information
- Make decisions on code values for STU.SP
- Make adjustments to the "Home Type" codes and plan for collecting this information on all students
- Adjust code values in the ADS table
- Make sure you have a district database (Access districts only)

Address Validation:

The new CSIS address validation process has created some confusion for Aeries Districts. The CSIS address validation report and file contain addresses that the CSIS database considers possible errors. While this information is of great value to your District in your quest to have every address in your database be as accurate and consistent as possible, it has caused some confusion.

CAPITALIZATION

You do NOT need to capitalize addresses in Aeries. When necessary Aeries will export (or print on address labels or report cards) addresses in upper case. In order to minimize confusion, the Create CSIS Data Files form now extracts addresses in upper case and will also extract a blank Zip+4 as "0000".

CORRECTION FILE IMPORT

The file available from CSIS that contains the recommended address corrections is not going to be imported into Aeries. The contents of the file are merely suggestions and in some cases do not contain a better address than the one contained within Aeries. Importing this information would end up causing many problems for most districts. However, Eagle Software is working with some districts and their local post offices to be able to give them the addresses of all students in a school or districts and receive back Zip + 4 information that can then be loaded back into Aeries. This process will end up being a great benefit to all Aeries customers. We would appreciate any information you may have on streamlining or facilitating this process with your local post office. Please email your information to support@aeries.com.

Pre-IDs:

The new **CELDT** and **CAHSEE Pre-ID** layouts require that the new **Hispanic/Latino** indicator and new **Race** fields are loaded into the Pre-ID files. Both Pre-ID programs have been modified to handle loading the new **Ethnicity (STU.ETH)** and **Race (STU.RC1 - STU.RC5)** fields if located in the student record.

If the **Ethnicity (STU.ETH)** field is blank the program will check all old **Ethnicity** fields (**EC-EC6**) for a **Hispanic or Latino (500)** ethnicity code in any of these fields. If **Code 500** is located the new **Hispanic or Latino** indicator will be flagged with a **Y** on the Pre-ID forms. If no **Code 500** is located the field will be flagged with an **N**. All old **Ethnicity** fields (**EC-EC5**) will be updated into the new **Race** fields in the Pre-ID. This process will **NOT** update the **STU.ETH** or **STU.RC1-STU.RC5** fields.

Race & Ethnicity Conversion:

As we approach the start of the new 2009-2010 school year, Aeries is prepared to support the new state mandated Race & Ethnicity changes announced at the start of the calendar year.

We have the new Ethnicity Y/N field as well as new Race fields added to the Aeries software.

Also, we are releasing a Macro this week to convert existing old Ethnicity values to the new Race & Ethnicity values so that you do not have to do so manually.

However, there are some assumptions made by this process, and we encourage you to review this linked document to see what this conversion process does and does not do: [Race & Ethnicity Conversion](#)

CALPADS and the Pre-Id's are ready to support the new Race & Ethnicity values and the CELDT pre-id extract already supports the new format. The CAHSEE Pre-Id using the new format is about to be released. All of these extracts will convert old Ethnicities to the new format if the new fields have not been populated.

Unfortunately, it is our understanding that CASEMIS is not going to be supporting the new Race & Ethnicity formats for the 2009-2010 school year. They plan to wait to do so until the 2010-2011 school year. What this means to you is that regardless of where you report your Special Ed data from, you will need to track the old Ethnicity values for CASEMIS reportable students for the entire 2009-2010 school year!

Updating Enrollment History:

In order to prepare for CALPADS reporting, districts need to verify their ENR (student enrollment) data in the district database is as complete as possible for prior years of Student Enrollment. If prior years need to be updated into the current district database, there is a function in **View All Forms** in the district database called **Pull ENR from Another Database (XP)**, and in **View All Forms** in Admin CS called **Pull ENR from Another Database/CS**.

New Eagle Software Website:

www.aeries.com is getting a makeover. Eagle Software anticipates the unveiling of our new website in July. All the great features currently available will remain with the new look, but navigation should be greatly improved.

Client Server Rollover:

We are currently testing the end of year roll-over process for Client Server. There are a few enhancements that will be available soon:

- **Copy Aeries Tables from Last Year** - A button has been added to Copy Aeries.NET Security Tables (UGA, UGN and UGP). The EML – E-Mail Log table has been removed from the tables in Copy all Code and Miscellaneous Tables. Also, if using the option to Reassign Student Numbers, a selection box to enter a starting number has been added.
- **Update Student Data** - An option has been added to match on Old ID. This option should only be used when updating from feeder schools and IDs have been reassigned during the Copy Many Students process. Also the STU.INE – Initial 9th Grade Entry field will be populated for all 9th graders.
- **Copy Inactive Students** - Logic has been added to make a “last pass” to copy any student who did not graduate and did not roll into any other school to copy into the Inactive school.

(Client Server Rollover contd.)

These changes are currently being tested and will be available soon. **Remember that it is vital to run TEST Rollovers prior to performing your actual Year End Rollover.** The report **Print Pre-Roll Audit Listing** can be run now to find potential rollover issues. The report is in Client Server Admin, New Year Cycle. If you have any questions regarding the roll-over process, please contact Eagle support.

Parent Account Management (PAMS) Reminder:

Districts using our Parent Account Management System (aka PAMS, Parent Portal, Parent ABI) need to remember to run the Macro Clean PWA & PWS tables to clear out graduated students in their new year database.

Aeries Videos Are Available:

Eagle Software now provides informational videos on several Aeries topics, available to you, as part of your standard software support, on our website at [Aeries Training Videos](#).

Aeries New Feature Highlights:

Please remember to check the [Major Revision Notes](#) and [Detailed Revision Notes](#) for updated information.

- **Physical Fitness:**

- There is a new Fitness extract for the SPRG09 record layout that will create two text files: Student.txt and School.txt. The extract has been modified according to the State record layout that now includes the Test Data, and will no longer accept codes 12 and 22 for the Reason for Incomplete Data. Aeries will no longer support the Fitness.mdb file due to declining demand and unnecessary duplication of effort. While the Fitness.mdb file still exists in Aeries at this time, it will be removed in the near future.
 - Will now allow for an overall pass status to be calculated over multiple Testing Administrations. There is also a new status report to assist in locating students who need to take certain portions of the fitness test.
 - The Physical Fitness Letter Setup no longer grays out options based on the last testing administration rather than in the selected one. Also the Physical Fitness update process was giving passing scores for some tests when they were set to zero. These issues have both been fixed. You will need to re-run the "Update" process for all students from the Physical Fitness Test Results form to update the Pass status.
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Eagle Software's Calendar

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

- Fourth of July – Friday, July 3, 2009
- Labor Day – Monday, September 7, 2009
- Veterans Day – Wednesday, November 11, 2009
- Thanksgiving (Thursday and Friday) - November 26 and November 27, 2009
- Christmas – To be determined
- New Years – To be determined