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Welcome To A New School Year!

Eagle Software would like to extend our welcome to all Aeries Users for the 2009-2010 school 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 within almost 500 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

Eagle Software's October 2009 Users' Conference Registration

There is still time to register for the Fall 2009 Users' Conference. Late registrations will be accepted thru 10/12/2009 or until capacity has been reached, whichever comes first. Late registration fees are \$350 for one day and \$500 for two days. Please see the registration form for full details.

CALPADS Update:

CALPADS and CBEDS Day – CALPADS is going live next Monday, October 5th, with CBEDS day being next Wednesday, October 7th. Being a new system of state reporting, there will probably need to be many adjustments to the Aeries CALPADS Extracts over the next few weeks. Please use the CALPADS Information form for information about changes to the extracts and new versions of Aeries. Eagle Software remains committed to making the CALPADS process as painless as possible for all Aeries users.

CBEDS Day Backup – On CBEDS Day be sure to make a backup of your database, but do not use the backup to report data to CALPADS. CALPADS is a system that is designed to collect data continuously, so you should report data to CALPADS out of your live Aeries database. However, we still recommend making a backup of the Aeries database on CBEDS day for a reference.

While all state reporting, previously submitted through CSIS & CBEDS, is now to be done through CALPADS and OPUS, the old Aeries CBEDS reports are still available for reference purposes, but are NOT required to be run! The field that is tagged (STU.CIC) by the CBEDS Reports is not utilized in any of the CALPADS extracts or any other Aeries process, but is there for your reference. We are developing a new report that can be run for any day of the school year to identify students enrolled on that day, but are awaiting details from CALPADS in order to determine the layout of the report.

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OPUS – Additional State Reporting information is required by all districts to be submitted through OPUS. Most districts chose to manually populate the OPUS data directly on the OPUS website. Eagle Software recommends using the same OPUS submission procedures that were used in previous years. If your district already has all of the required OPUS reporting fields populated in Aeries and submitted OPUS data electronically last year, then you will be able to use the OPUS Extract from Aeries this year. The OPUS Extract from Aeries is currently being modified for the 2009 format and will be available soon.

TRAINING – in the last few months Eagle Software has offered several “CALPADS in Aeries” Workshops throughout the state. These workshops have been very well attended and provided valuable information about preparing your schools for the transition from CSIS to CALPADS this year. The focus has been on the data population requirements within Aeries to support CALPADS reporting and providing advice about transition procedures and code sets to support CALPADS. At this time, Eagle Software has no plans to offer any additional workshops, but if you would be interested, please email Lucille Stephenson at Lucille@aeries.com.

EXTRACTS – The Create CALPADS Extracts form is already available in the District version of Aeries. Currently the Identifier Request and Enrollment Update processes are supported with more coming later as additional CALPADS submissions are opened up throughout the year. Although Eagle Software has been working with CALPADS and CALPADS Beta Testers for many months, there may be additional adjustments that need to be made to the CALPADS extracts. Please check the CALPADS INFORMATION form in Aeries for notes about new versions of Aeries.

DOCUMENTATION – Documentation has been made available on our website to cross reference CALPADS fields with the equivalent fields in Aeries: [CALPADS Documentation](#). Additional documents will be released regularly, so check the CALPADS INFORMATION form in Aeries and the website.

The [Aeries CALPADS Cross Reference by Form](#) document is helpful in identifying, form by form in Aeries, what fields are required to be populated for CALPADS. The other documents are also useful, so be sure to familiarize yourself with all of the documents.

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
- Make sure you have a district database (Access districts only)

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.

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:

Eagle Software encourages you to visit our new website at www.aeries.com if you have not already done so. While you are there, take a moment to update your contact information if it has changed. Thank you.

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.

New ABI Features:

- **Attendance Logging:**
 - As a result of the State releasing new standards for electronic attendance accounting, ABI now logs every detailed change to attendance in the new ATL (Attendance Log) table. This requires that the account you have identified in the SchoolData UDLs has permission to Read and Insert into the ATL table. The new "Attendance Log" report allows the teacher to view any changes to their students' attendance.
- **Gradebook:**
 - Assignments in the Gradebook can now be pushed to and pulled from other gradebooks. This allows teachers to directly share assignments and create copies of assignments very easily. The "Assignments" page, located at the bottom of the page in the Gradebook, contains these new features.
- **Emailing:**
 - For SQL (AeriesCS and Aeries.net) districts, there is now a new item under Resources for "Email Log." This allows teachers to view emails they have previously sent. Also, in the Ad-Hoc Emailing area, there is now an option to send a copy of the email being sent to the teacher.

Please refer to the revision notes at [ABI Revision Notes](#) for more information.

Supplemental Attendance:

We have just released our new Supplemental Attendance programs that will enable schools to track positive attendance programs within a negative attendance school. This gives Aeries the ability to track Programs such as Tutorial, Detention, Saturday School (aka ADA recovery), as well as other programs. Schools can create Sessions and setup calendars for each session that are independent from the school calendar. Students can be signed in and out of the sessions from ABI or Aeries. Documentation is now available online: [Supplemental Attendance](#)

Aeries New Feature Highlights:

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

- **New Standards Based Report Card:**
 - We have just released a new 2-column portrait Standards Based Report Card designed for double-sided printing on a single sheet of paper.
- **STAR Testing:**
 - The STAR Student Test Results is a new report that prints the STAR test results for select Testing Administrations. This report performs various calculations such as percentage of answers correct, and a Testing Grade Average for the number and percentage correct. The form will allow you to select specific grades to be printed and to sort by grade, counselor, or student. [Star Test Results Report](#)
 - The STAR Test Results program has been modified to support the 2009 Data File Layout. Major changes have been made to this program that will now load two separate files. In addition to the CST, CAPA, EAP, STS, and CMA test scores being loaded there is now also the CMA (California Modified Assessment) cluster scores that will be loaded into the CST table. For more information please see the documentation at [Load STAR File District 2009](#).
- **CAHSEE Test Results:**
 - The CAHSEE Test Results program has been modified to support the 2009 Data File Layout that is dated July 2, 2009 and can now be loaded into Aeries. The changes to the layout were minimal, and there were no changes required for any modification or special condition codes. For more information please see the documentation at [Load CAHSEE Test Results](#).
- **Locator Cards:**
 - We have made major changes to the Locator Cards allowing for many new options. There are now 4 tabs on the Locator Card Setup form, separated into categories: Style of Locator Cards, Term to Print, Sort Options, and Print Options. Also, the ability to print locator cards for selected students has been added. For more details refer to the new documentation at [Locator Card Enhancements](#).
- **Aeries.net Report Cards:**
 - Printing Grade Report Cards is now available through Aeries.net. Both the Letter and Trifold version are available with the same options provided by AeriesCS.

Eagle Software's Calendar

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

- Veterans Day – Wednesday, November 11, 2009
- Thanksgiving (Thursday and Friday) - November 26 and November 27, 2009
- Winter Holidays Schedule:

Our office schedule will be as follows:

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Dec. 21 – 25	Open	Open	Open	Closed	Closed
Dec. 28 – Jan 1	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed

Our office will resume normal business hours from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Monday, January 4, 2010.