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Holiday Greetings!

The Eagle Software staff would like to wish you a happy, peaceful and joyous holiday season. 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.

Spring 2010 Users' Conference – March 15 - 16 at the Ontario Convention Center

Don't forget to register for the **Eagle Software Users' Conference** to be held in Ontario, CA at the Ontario Convention Center on March 15 & 16, 2010. The registration forms and materials have just been mailed. You may also download registration materials at [Conference](#). The **early registration fee** deadline is February 4, 2010. The regular registration deadline is on or before February 19, 2010. Final registration deadline is February 26, 2010 **or when capacity has been reached**. Check the registration materials for details. **Past conferences have sold out, so register early!** There will be **no walkup** registrations accepted at the Conference. Registration is not complete until you have received your confirmation.

If you are in need of overnight accommodations, a block of rooms with a group rate is available at the Doubletree Hotel Ontario, (909) 937-0900. To receive the special Eagle Software group rate, you must register with the Doubletree Hotel by February 27, 2010 and you must mention **Eagle Software** when you make your room reservation. These rooms also sell out early so don't wait!

For those who register to attend the Conference, a confirmation letter will be mailed with all the necessary details by February 26th. Early check in will be available on Sunday, March 14, 2010 at the Doubletree Hotel. Please check your confirmation letter for the location and time. Your registration is not complete until you receive your confirmation!

Regional Workshops:

Please check our website at [Aeries Regional Workshops](#) for a calendar of scheduled workshops and registration information. Workshops will be presented using a lecture format with a single computer and projection unit.

Eagle Software regional workshops are offered on a variety of topics throughout the year. Currently there are several workshops on **Student Scheduling** and **Summer School** available (*please see the next page for the dates of these workshops*).

(Regional Workshops contd.)

<p>Scheduling: January 19 & 20 – Sacramento January 21 & 22 – Visalia January 27 & 28 – Orange County February 8 & 9 – Santa Rosa February 10 & 11 – Modesto February 16 & 17 – Ontario</p>	<p>Summer School: February 2 – Orange County February 24 – Sacramento</p>
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CALPADS:

Eagle Software is continuing to support districts with the CALPADS process. We have updated and added new documentation to our website:

- [Getting Started with CALPADS](#) has been changed to make reference to the new “Reconciliation” document.
- [CALPADS Code Value Translations](#) is a **new** document that contains information on the Aeries Code Value Translation process on the Create CALPADS Extract form.
- [CALPADS in Aeries PDF](#) provides a listing of all CALPADS required fields and the Aeries tables, fields, and forms where this data can be verified, updated, or added.
- [CALPADS Reconciliation Process for Aeries](#) is a **new** document that details many of the things that have been posted to the Aeries_Talk Listserv about the start-to-finish, step-by-step procedures for completing the CALPADS Reconciliation process.
- [CALPADS Common Issues](#) is a **new** document that details common issues faced by users and common mistakes made by users when working with Aeries and CALPADS.
- [Reporting Graduating Students to CALPADS](#) is a **new** document that details how to properly populate and report your graduates to CALPADS.
- [Reporting Matriculating Students to CALPADS](#) is a **new** document that details how to properly populate and report your matriculating students to CALPADS.

We suggest that districts check our website often for new or updated documentation, important CALPADS dates, and updates to the [CALPADS FAQ](#). We also recommend districts join the [Aeries Talk Listserv](#). The **Aeries_Talk Listserv** is not run by Eagle Software Staff. It is moderated by Aeries users and should not be viewed as a mechanism for contacting Eagle Software for Aeries Support.

In order to resolve issues based upon changes with CALPADS, updates may come out more frequently than in the past. Please check the **Detailed Revision Notes** frequently, and ensure that the latest revision is being used before creating extracts to submit to CALPADS.

We have also added a **CALPADS Info link** to the Aeries Control Panel (located beneath the View All Forms icon) that contains pertinent information.

Electronic Attendance:

We have just released the final report required by the State to complete our compliance with the new Electronic Attendance requirements. ABI has had the ability since late September to log all Attendance posted by Teachers into the new Attendance Log (ATL) table, and for teachers to print a report of their postings. The Aeries Attendance forms were modified in October to also log attendance to the ATL table. The ‘Print Attendance Log’ report released this week allows Aeries users to print information from the new ATL table for any date and time range for all or select Teachers, Students, Grades, Absence Codes, User Names, and even IP Addresses.

STAR Pre-ID

The new **STAR Pre-ID** layout requires that the new **Hispanic/Latino** indicator and new **Race** fields are loaded into the STAR Pre-ID file. The STAR Pre-ID program has been modified to handle loading the new **Ethnicity (STU.ETH)** and **Race (STU.RC1 - STU.RC5)** fields if located in the student record. However the STAR Pre-ID Layout for the Hispanic or Latino indicator indicates that the only acceptable values are **Y** or **N**. Districts are currently using a selected code in the **STU.ETH** to indicate the parent declined to state whether their child was Hispanic or Latino.

It has been verified that CDE has no instructions on how to handle this code and that the STAR Pre-ID file will only accept **Y** or **N**. The Cross Reference (**XRF**) on the STAR Pre-ID form will allow you to convert the Declined to State code located in the **STU.ETH** field. It is suggested that this code be converted to an **N** and NOT to a blank in the STAR Pre-ID file. There are monetary penalties that can be charged by the state for blanks loaded into this field position. PLEASE only use the XRF to convert codes in the **STU.ETH** field and **DO NOT use the XRF to convert blank values in STU.ETH.**

If the **Ethnicity (STU.ETH)** and **Race (STU.RC1)** fields are blank the program will then 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 form. 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 in the **Student Data (STU)** table.

Documentation for the STAR Pre-ID is available on our web site: [STAR Pre-ID Document](#)

To assist districts with the new State mandated Race and Ethnicity changes, we have created the Populate New Race and Ethnicity fields macro to convert the old ethnicity fields into the new Ethnicity Indicator and Race fields. This macro can be utilized to convert the ethnicity fields for both the Student and Staff records. However we do encourage you to review our documentation for a full understanding of how this process will handle converting your data. Please see the documentation on our website: [Populate New Race and Ethnicity Fields Macro](#)

Permissions to Aeries Folders:

When establishing permissions to folders for Aeries, please be aware that you no longer need anything in the "C:\Windows" folder. Except for the "Windows\System" DLL, everything can (and should be) in the "C:\Eagle" folder. Please see the [Installation Procedures](#) documentation on our website for additional information.

New ABI 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.

Aeries New Feature Highlights:

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

- **Create CASEMIS Student File Form:**
 - The Create CASEMIS Student File form has been modified to process the new December 2009 (New Ethnicity Fields Edition) CASEMIS extract format. Eagle Software is ONLY supporting this format, as we encourage all users to be populating the new Race and Ethnicity fields, and convert old to new on the fly if they are not.

- **Attendance Forms Tabs:**
 - The Attendance forms have been redesigned with tabs, allowing more data to be displayed. We added logic to log changes in the new Attendance Log (ATL) table that was recently added to track attendance changes in ABI and Aeries.
- **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.
- **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.
- **CELDT Test Results:**
 - The Import Fixed Length File program can now import the CELDT Test Results for the 2009-10 record layout (Version 0.4). This version will import Accommodations, Alternate Assessment, Irregularities, and Modifications. Also, the test dates are now being loaded from the file and updated into the TST and TEX tables with the capability to load a default date for students who do not have a test date in their test record. Please review the updated documentation for the program changes that is now available: [CELDT Test Results](#)
- **NEW CELDT Test Result Report:**
 - The CELDT Student Test Results is a new report that will print results from the CELDT test scores for the Test Year and Testing Administration selected. This report will include the test description, test grade, test date, raw scores, and scale scores. A calculation will be performed for each test part to determine the Performance Level according to the Scale Scores. The scale score levels will be printed along with a color graph. The form will allow you to select specific test years, test administrations, grade levels to be printed, and can also be sorted by student, grade, counselor or Teacher/Period for secondary. Please review the documentation for this new report.

[New CELDT Test Result Report](#)

- **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.

Supplemental Attendance can now be entered through ABI. This integrates with the new Supplemental Attendance system in Aeries (see above). Students can be signed in and out of the sessions from ABI or Aeries.

Documentation is now available online: [Supplemental Attendance](#)

Eagle Software's 2010 Calendar

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

- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday – Monday, January 18, 2010
- President's Day – Monday, February 15, 2010
- Memorial Day – Monday, May 31, 2010
- Fourth of July – Monday, July 5, 2010
- Labor Day – Monday, September 6, 2010