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Eagle Software Partners With Over 500 School Districts and Educational Agencies

Eagle Software expresses our gratitude to each Aeries User for the opportunity to assist you in serving students, parents, teachers, administrators and support staff all across California. Eagle Software recently achieved another significant milestone. Aeries is now used by over 3,800 schools in over 500 districts and educational agencies, serving over 2.5 million students. Thank You for partnering with us to make Aeries the most widely used Student Information System in the state.

Fall 2010 Users' Conference – Oct. 11th & 12th at the Sacramento Convention Center

The Fall 2010 Users' Conference will be held October 11 - 12, 2010 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 Conference Registration](#).

New Aeries Videos Available:

Eagle Software provides informational videos on several Aeries topics as part of your standard software support. These videos are located and can be accessed on our website at [Aeries Training Videos](#). We have recently added new videos covering Attendance – "P1, P2, EOY Reporting" and Scheduling – "Groups and Teams." Existing videos are being enhanced and we are currently working on new topics.

ASP (Application Service Provider) Option Now Available:

Eagle Software now offers Aeries Student Information System in a fully hosted environment! If you prefer not to manage your database and hardware locally, consider having Eagle Software do it for you! Aeries can be configured as a fully hosted solution for private/charter schools and small to mid-sized districts that prefer not to manage these efforts locally. For more information please call Eagle Software Sales & Marketing at (888) 487-7555 or send email to sales@aeries.com.

Aeries Training – Plan Ahead!

The busiest weeks of the year for the Eagle Software trainers are the weeks between July 26th and Labor Day. If you plan to schedule an Eagle Software trainer for any Aeries or ABI training in those weeks, please choose a date as soon as you can and contact Training@aeries.com to schedule the training. Please give complete information on what training you wish to have and complete information on how to contact you. Please understand that we may not be able to accommodate last-minute requests or changes to training scheduled during that period. For a description of Aeries courses and the District staff who should participate in the training please see the [Aeries Training](#) document on our website.

SQL 2000 End of Support:

Eagle Software will no longer support the use of SQL 2000 after August 1, 2011. This gives any current districts running SQL 2000 more than a year before Eagle Software and Aeries will stop supporting SQL 2000. Microsoft's support for SQL 2000 stopped in April, 2008. This makes any district running SQL 2000 highly vulnerable to security flaws found, but not fixed after April, 2008. Eagle Software strongly encourages ALL districts running SQL 2000 to upgrade as quickly as possible to avoid any security issues, but if the district is not able to do so in the short term, please make plans to switch by August 1, 2011. Currently Eagle Software recommends the use of SQL 2008 32-bit or 64-bit versions. A complete System Compatibility Chart is available on our website: [System Compatibility Chart](#).

Aeries Mobile is Coming to the iPhone:

A version of Aeries Mobile for the iPhone, iPod Touch, and iPad platforms is currently being beta tested. This new application duplicates the features available in the current Aeries Mobile application for Windows Mobile. It is designed for use by school and district administrators for accessing student data where the device has internet or network access. Although the app is currently available in the Apple App Store, server-side components need to be installed on district servers to make the system work. Pricing for this version of Aeries Mobile is consistent with current pricing for the Windows Mobile version. The Apple App Store currently shows a price for the app to discourage users from installing it prematurely, but this charge will be eliminated after this version goes into full production. When the iPhone version of Aeries Mobile is made publicly available, an email notice will be sent out to all users. For a first glance at this system see the following document: [Aeries Mobile iPhone Documentation](#). For more information please call Eagle Software Sales & Marketing at (888) 487-7555 or send an email to sales@aeries.com.

Online Registration Coming Soon!

Eagle Software is currently beta testing an online, web-based student registration system. The Aeries Internet Registration (AIR) system is a new component, complementing Aeries. A website will allow parents / guardians to enter registration data for new students. Information entered by the parent such as: basic student demographics, contacts, and medical information, are stored in a separate, secure database. Various options can be customized allowing districts to tailor their presentation.

Questions are presented to parents in an easy to use "wizard" style interface that will step them through the process. The system also verifies and validates many fields, helping to prevent data entry errors. Utilizing AIR will free up time spent by school personnel who currently spend countless hours doing data entry for new students, allowing them to concentrate on other important tasks. Functionality is also being added to Aeries to allow schools to view newly registered students and import them into their Aeries database. Additional information will be made available to all of our customers when AIR is publicly available. Eagle Software anticipates that the AIR system will be made available in the Fall of 2010.

Are You Putting Your Aeries Data At Risk?

If you are providing a third party vendor access to your database, you may be putting your Aeries data at risk! Allowing a third party to update any information in your Aeries database is exposing it to potential corruption and is ill-advised!

We have created a document on our website that explains in detail how to best protect your Aeries data when dealing with 3rd party vendors: [Vendor Data Access Concerns](#)

CALPADS Information:

CERTIFICATION DEADLINES - Enrollment of 1,000 or less is June 24, 2010 and enrollment of greater than 1,000 is August 5, 2010.

Eagle software is continuing to support districts with the CALPADS process. Now that CALPADS has published the certification deadlines it is imperative that districts focus on their student enrollment figures. Even if you are a district of above 1,000 students and have a deadline of August 5th, try to get your enrollment numbers correct before the end of June. After June, submitting enrollment updates to CALPADS might run into problems because starting July 1, the 09-10 school year is a prior academic year. That means that the SENR file will not use the "R" transaction type and consequently will not be able to make Start Date corrections to student enrollments. The only way to make that kind of change will be to use the Reconciliation process. Although that is not too difficult to do, and should not be that common at this point, it is best if you can avoid this process altogether. So please try to get your student enrollment counts accurate by the end of June.

Watch for upcoming updates containing new fields that will be added to assist in end of the year and summer withdrawal reporting for CALPADS. Documentation will follow.

If you are still having problems submitting data to CALPADS, please contact CALPADS or Aeries support for assistance. There are many CALPADS documents posted to help with the process, please Read ALL of them.

We suggest districts review the following documents for end of year procedures:

- [Reporting Graduating Students to CALPADS](#)
- [Reporting Matriculating Students to CALPADS.](#)

We also suggest that districts check the CALPADS Information form in Aeries and our website often, for new or updated documentation 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.

Civil Rights Data Collection Options:

The **Civil Rights Data Collection** now has the capability to be run from the **School** or the **District** version of Aeries. The District version has the option to run the report for all schools or to select specific schools. The Load process will also honor a student's home school as the reporting school. There are also three new reports – the **Report Student Details** and the **Print All Math & Science Settings** reports. The first two can be used to verify the courses and verify students that were used to calculate each table. The **Report Totals** will print each of the Civil Rights table calculations according to the Civil Rights Data Collection layout.

A Civil Rights Extract option is now available that will allow you to create an extract file that can be imported into the Department of Education software to eliminate hand entering the data. Documentation is available for both versions: [Civil Rights Data Collection District](#) and [Civil Rights Data Collection School](#).

Mass Input Attendance Codes:

“Mass Input Attendance Codes” is a new form that allows input by keyboard or barcode scanner, of a student number or permanent ID to mass populate the attendance for a given code (defaulting to Tardy). The date will default to the current date, but can be changed. Period Attendance will default to the current period (based on the Bell Schedule) unless today is not a valid school day. There are also options to populate the All Day code and Fill All Periods. This form also includes an option to print a Readmit Slip during input.

ABI Gradebook “Max # Possible”:

Changes have been made to the ABI Gradebook in how it handles the “Max Score” and “Max # Possible” fields. “Max # Possible” should only be used to aid in data entry of assignments where the number of questions on the assignment is different than the points being given to that assignment. In that case, entering a “Number Correct” for the assignment will calculate the number of points awarded for that assignment. It is for this reason that the Gradebook will now only allow a “Max # Possible” that is different than the “Max Score.” Also, when a “Max # Possible” is identified for an assignment, only a value for “Number Correct” can be entered for the assignment. Additional changes were made to ensure that the relationship between “Max # Possible”/“Number Correct” and “Max Score/Points” is maintained. For additional important information on these changes and instructions for installing the latest ABI update, please see the [ABI Major Revision Notes](#) on the Eagle Software web site.

ABI Advanced Reports:

ABI is taking a new direction with the inclusion of “ABI Advanced Reports.” This new subsystem allows ABI to communicate with the Reporting Engine that Aeries.net uses to generate PDF reports. For the first phase, we have added the ability for ABI to generate the “Print Standards Based Report Card”, “Print Birthday Listing”, and “Print Class Labels” reports. The Birthday Listing and Class Labels are only available to teachers, but the SBG Report Card can be made available to either teachers or parents. The prospect of parents generating their own report cards through ABI is really exciting! More reports will come in subsequent versions of ABI.

Having ABI integrate with the Aeries Reporting Engine allows for reports to be created in PDF format instead of HTML. This provides structured report layouts and page breaking. It also opens up the possibility for ABI to be able to run any report that Aeries.net can run. The next reports we plan on providing are Class Rosters, the Weekly Attendance Report, and the Secondary Report Card.

ABI Advanced Reports is ONLY for AeriesCS and Aeries.net Districts. The code is SQL-specific. Due to the similarity and overlap between implementing ABI Advanced Reports and Aeries.net, Eagle Software recommends that districts wanting to use ABI Advanced Reports consider implementing Aeries.net at the same time. Use of Aeries.net is not required after having it installed, but once it is made available to you, we are confident you will discover the benefits of using Aeries.net.

For more information on implementing this new feature of ABI, please see the [ABI Major Revision Notes](#) on the Eagle Software web site.

Updates That Include NO Changes to DST:

Aeries Updates normally includes changes to both the SCH and DST functions of Aeries. Occasionally Eagle Software posts an Aeries Update that does not include changes to the District (DST) application. When this occurs, the System Administrator expects the standard message from Aeries that the update is being applied, and when the message is not displayed it may appear that the DST update is not working correctly. Please be aware that updates that include NO changes to DST will NOT trigger a DST update. If you are uncertain please check the Release Notes on our website for references to updates to DST.

New CAHSEE Pre-ID 2010-11 Layout:

The new CAHSEE Pre Identification 2010-11 layout did not contain a large number of changes. The main change was that the Student's English Proficiency codes that get loaded into the Pre-ID file were modified. The codes are now EO-English Only, IFEP-Initially Fluent English Proficient, EL-English Learner, and RFEP- Reclassified and Fluent English Proficient. They have also included a new code TBD-To Be Determined.

Aeries New Feature Highlights:

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

- **Physical Fitness Testing:**

- There is a new Fitness extract for the SPRG10 record layout that will create two text files: Student.txt and School.txt. The extract has been modified according to the State record layout. The State will no longer accept code 999 for any Race/Ethnicity so the program has been modified to load blanks for these records. Various maximum values have been changed. The Mile Run/Mile Walk is now limited to 59 minutes and 59 seconds, Modified pull-ups maximum is 30, and the Arm Hang maximum is 20.
- Physical Fitness Testing now allows multiple tests per year for students above the 9th grade. The Healthy Fitness Zone values have also been updated for the 2009-10 testing year. Please see the [Physical Fitness](#) documentation for more information.

- **CAHSEE Exemption:**

- Aeries now has the ability to indicate students who are exempt from CAHSEE test requirements. All related forms have been updated to display this new value when selected, and the transcript has been updated to now show the CAHSEE Status when a student is exempt.

- **Avery 5160 Student Address Labels:**

- Print Avery 5160 Student Address Labels is a new report with a selection form that allows you to print labels to the Parent, Student, or One Per Family. Please see the [Student Address Labels](#) documentation for more information.

- **Supplemental Attendance:**

- Supplemental Attendance has undergone a major upgrade, including four new reports and enhancements/fixes to all of the existing Supplemental Attendance forms and reports. Updated documentation is available at [Supplemental Attendance](#).
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Eagle Software's 2010 Calendar

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

- Memorial Day – Monday, May 31, 2010
- Fourth of July – Monday, July 5, 2010
- Labor Day – Monday, September 6, 2010
- Veterans' Day – Thursday November 11, 2010
- Thanksgiving (Thursday and Friday) - November 25 and November 26, 2010
- Winter Holidays – To Be Determined