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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. 20 – 24	Open	Open	Open	Open	Closed
Dec. 27 – Dec. 31	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 3, 2011.

- **2011 Holidays** are currently posted on the Eagle Software web site.

Spring 2011 Users' Conference – March 7 – 8 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 7 & 8, 2011. The registration forms and materials have just been mailed. You may also download registration materials at [Conference](#). The **early registration fee** deadline is February 1, 2011. The regular registration deadline is on or before February 15, 2011. Final registration deadline is February 22, 2011 **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 18, 2011 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 22nd. Early check in will be available on Sunday, March 6, 2011 at the Doubletree Hotel. Please check your confirmation letter for the location and time. Your registration is not complete until you receive your confirmation!

Please note: The phone number for the Double Tree Ontario is incorrect in the registration brochure. The correct number is 909-937-0900. We apologize for the error.

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** available (*please see the next page for the dates of these workshops*).

Student Scheduling – 2-Day Workshop

<u>Location</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Ontario	January 26 & 27
Sacramento	January 31 & February 1
Visalia	February 2 & 3
Anaheim	February 7 & 8
Santa Rosa	March 21 & 22
Modesto	March 23 & 24

Please see the registration form for the specific information on the Scheduling Workshops.

The Importance of Maintaining an Inactive Students School:

Eagle Software would like to remind Districts of the importance of maintaining an Inactive Students School in their Aeries Database. As Aeries normally only has active and recently inactive students in the current year, having the ability to search for and reactivate any student who ever attended the District is extremely valuable, and can be done as long as the Inactive Students School is created and maintained from year to year.

The [Create Inactive Students Database \(Access\)](#) and [Copy Inactive Students \(Client Server\)](#) documentation explains creating an Inactive Students School as well as the process to update it yearly during the annual rollover process.

Have You Reviewed Your Security Lately?

With the end of the year approaching we would like to remind everyone that this is a great time to review your security in Aeries. Recently we added a new Table for Free & Reduced (FRE). Does your staff have appropriate rights on their roles so they can access the data they need? This is a good time to review who has access to reports. Why not delete the users who left your district last year? To maintain security, passwords in Aeries should be changed periodically. This is a great time to review when you last did this.

Please review the following document: [CS Administration & Management Studio](#)

Online Registration Update:

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 the presentation of registration information to be completed by the parents.

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 of 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 early 2011.

STAR PRE-ID:

The STAR Pre-ID has been updated according to the new 2010-11 layout. A new flag was added to the layout for the CMA student taking the CST End of Course Test. A field was added to the Special Education form that will allow you to flag the CMA student who will take the CST end of course test which will be used to flag these students in the STAR Pre-ID file. Changes have been made to the Writing Wave file that will now include students in grades 4, 7 and 11. The CMA ELA grade levels have changed to include grades 3-11. Also, the English Proficiency (LF) codes will now be loaded as new 4 character codes that coincide with the CALPADS Language Fluency codes. The updated documentation is available at the following link: [Pre-ID Table for STAR Test File 2010-2011.](#)

CALPADS Information:

Eagle software is continuing to support districts with the CALPADS process. The **Fall 2 Submission** began on December 6, 2010. Please refer to the documentation on our website to help populate all the data related to Staff, Courses, and the Master Schedule. The **CALPADS Update FLASH #33** contains helpful information on the Fall 2 Submission. Below is a link to the CALPADS website: [CALPADS Update Flash #33.](#)

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. 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** and the "**CALPADS Information**" form in Aeries frequently, and ensure that the latest revision is being used before creating extracts to submit to CALPADS.

RSS Feeds for Aeries Updates:

We have added a new feature to the Aeries.com website: RSS (Really Simple Syndication) feeds for the files available on the updates page. On our website you will see a little "RSS" icon next to each section. Click on it to view the feed and click on the "Subscribe" link to register the feed on your computer. It will show up in your browser's RSS Feeds and depending on your Outlook Settings, will also display under the RSS area of Outlook. When you subscribe to the various Aeries Update RSS Feeds, you will be notified via that feed when any downloadable file on the Updates page is modified. The feed will display the revision notes included with any update to the core update files (UpdateCS.exe, UpdateXP.exe, AeriesNetUpdate.zip, and UpdateABI.zip) for that version. Please see the training video at [RSS Training Video.](#)

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 application 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. 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 contact Eagle Software Sales & Marketing by sending an email to sales@aeries.com.

Aeries New Feature Highlights:

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

- **CBEDS ORA Files Form:**

- The "Create CBEDS ORA Files" form has been updated for the 2010-11 layout. This form replaces the old Create CBEDS OPUS Files form. Please see the documentation at [Create CBEDS ORA Files](#).

- **Carl Perkins E1 Report:**

- The Carl Perkins 2009-10 CDE 101 E1 report has been modified according to the new specifications to be generated in the School version of Aeries. For the latest documentation click on the following link: [Carl Perkins E1](#)

- **Major Transcript Enhancements:**

- Transcripts have undergone major enhancements including the option to select a grade range of records to print which will allow a Middle School transcripts to be printed at the High School! For a complete list of changes, please review the documentation that is now available at: [Transcript Enhancements](#).

- **Free and Reduced Meals – Major Enhancements:**

- The Free and Reduced Meals program has undergone a major enhancement! The form has been modified to utilize only one table which is now the FRE table. This will allow data to be entered either by the District or the School. The data can then be accessed by the District or School if a user is given any permissions to the FRE table. With the new table multiple records can now be stored, allowing a history of prior values to be viewed. A new Report has also been created to print all students free and reduced records. Please see the documentation at: [Free & Reduced Table Modifications](#).

- **ABI Attendance:**

- Attendance Notes are now visible and optionally editable to teachers at the Attendance and Attendance by Photo pages.