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Aeries Analytics – New Assessment System:

Eagle Software is excited to announce that development has begun on what we are currently calling Aeries Analytics, a fully integrated testing and assessment system. Aeries customers have long utilized the existing testing and assessment features of the Aeries Student Information System, but have often requested that the system be enhanced.

Aeries Analytics will enable full integration with the Aeries Gradebook and existing Aeries Testing and Assessment Reports. Features will include batch or individual plain-paper test scoring by teachers or administrators and standards integration between test questions, the Aeries Gradebook, and Aeries Standards Based Grade Reporting.

To have your school or district added to our list of interested Aeries customers, please email sales@aeries.com. More information and details will be made available as development progresses.

Coming - Aeries Early Warning System:

Eagle Software would like to thank the districts who signed up to partner in the development of the Aeries Early Warning System. This system is being designed to help districts more easily identify students at risk of not graduating. The system will analyze an assortment of different "Dropout Indicators" and give school and district administrators a simple way of identifying students, tracking interventions, and monitoring progress. The system will be available to partnering districts in late Summer 2011.

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Fall 2011 Users' Conference – Oct. 24th & 25th at the Sacramento Convention Center:

The Fall 2011 Users' Conference will be held October 24 - 25, 2011 at the Sacramento Convention Center in Sacramento, CA. The registration information will be mailed and posted on our website in May. If you do not receive a copy of the registration by May 22, 2011 please contact us at (888) 487-7555.

Aeries Internet Registration (AIR) Update:

Eagle Software is currently beta testing Aeries Internet Registration (AIR). 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 available in Summer 2011.

Annual "Re-Registration" of Students:

Eagle Software is currently making changes to the ABI Parent Portal to allow parents to complete the Annual Summer Re-Registration process through ABI. We will be working with a small number of districts this Summer to test the system and will make it available as part of the ABI Parent Portal next school year. The important part of this new process is a fundamental change in the philosophy of collecting and maintaining student data. This new process will allow parents to maintain student data throughout the year instead of just during the summer, eliminate the need for parents to re-enter basic student demographics and emergency contact information, and provide a mechanism for parents to view and download important documentation from the school at any time. This new process will track interactions by parents and allow parents to confirm or change information on a regular basis. More information on this new ABI feature will be made available later this Summer.

Aeries Training – Plan Ahead!

Training is scheduled on a first come first served basis, so please plan accordingly. The busiest weeks of the year for Eagle Software trainers are between July 26th and Labor Day. If you require training within those weeks, please choose a date as soon as you can and contact Training@aeries.com to schedule. Please give complete information on what you wish to have, and thorough information on how to contact you. Please understand that we may not be able to accommodate last-minute requests or changes as other training sessions may already be scheduled at that time. 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. You may also check our website at [Aeries Regional Workshops](#) for a calendar of scheduled workshops and registration information. Our regional workshops are offered on a variety of topics throughout the year. We are currently in the planning stages for further workshops at this time. The workshops will be presented using a lecture format with a single computer and projection unit, and there is limited space available.

ASP (Application Service Provider) Gains Popularity:

Eagle Software is excited about the number of Aeries clients who are choosing the ASP hosting option for Aeries. 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 email sales@aeries.com.

Creating Next Year's Database:

It's time again to prepare for the New Year Rollover. The first important step is to become familiar with this critical process. Procedural documentation is available from the Downloads page on the Eagle Software Web Site. It is strongly recommended that you download and review the Procedural Documentation. Documents are available for both the [Secondary](#) and [Elementary](#) procedures. There are also various documents on our Client Server page that provide valuable information for the different steps involved in the [Client Server Rollover](#). Review the documents that are available and apply them to your district. You may also check our website at [Aeries Regional Workshops](#) for a calendar of scheduled workshops and registration information.

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](#)

Customizing Aeries and Windows / Access Service Packs:

For those Districts that choose to Customize the Aeries Software (Forms/Reports/Modules) we wanted to remind you about the importance of keeping all Computers in the District on the same Windows/Access Service Pack!

A recent issue arose where a custom version was created by one person, and that custom version of Aeries "blew up" when run by other people in the same office, but ran fine for others. It turned out that the person who created the version had a more recent Windows Service Pack (Windows 7 SP1), which is why it worked for some and not others! Loading that Windows (and NOT Access) Service-Pack on all computers corrected the issue – and now they are all able to run that custom version.

As a rule, ALL versions of Aeries that are posted on our web-site are created on what we call our lowest common denominator – a Windows XP and Access 2002 (XP) environment. This assures that ALL Users' of Aeries will be able to run any version we post as they would have at least that environment – and most likely a newer one. For those of you who customize Aeries, we cannot stress enough the need to follow this rule – within reason. We would not expect you to have a computer with Office XP or Access 2002 (XP), but we would stress the importance of making certain that the computer that makes your Custom version follows our least common denominator principal, and is not on the 'bleeding edge' of Office/Access versions or Service-Packs!

CALPADS Information:

Districts should continue working on certifying their Fall 1 and Fall 2 data. Please refer to the documentation on our website to help populate all the data related to Staff, Courses, and the Master Schedule. The CALPADS Common Errors document contains helpful information on common Fall 2 errors.

A new field has been added to the Elementary Teachers form to accommodate Itinerant Teachers. This field, when flagged, will enable the CALPADS CRSE extract to include this teacher as a reported class, even without any students.

To submit information for the CALPADS Spring 1 process, run the Create Enrollment Update Files on the Enrollment Update tab to create the SENR and SINF files. CALPADS is collecting data for English Learner and Immigrant counts as of the Spring Census Day of March 1st, 2011 and all the information for Spring 1 is in the SENR and SINF files.

We suggest that districts check our website often for new or updated documentation, important CALPADS dates, and updates to the [CALPADS FAQ](#). The CALPADS Common Errors document is extremely useful as you work to meet Fall 2 deadlines. 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.

New Student Multi Data Profile:

A NEW version of the Student Multi Data Profile is now available in Aeries. It will store the profiles in three new tables (MDP, MDF, MDL) which will allow you to update and maintain your profiles. Aeries will automatically convert the old Profiles that are stored in the OPT table into the new tables to allow you to review and modify as needed. Documentation is available at [New Student Multi Data Profile](#). There are many new enhancements that are now available:

- Create color Graphs
- Customize the width of each column
- Print the test grade below the scores
- Copy or delete profiles
- Include Pre-Enrolled students
- Include Grades above grade 12
- Pull rubric scores from Total Number Possible (TNP) for specific Tests when creating color coded reports

Aeries New Feature Highlights:

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

- **Class Scheduling:** Class Scheduling has been updated with a new Permanent Lock field which can be set on a student-by-student basis. This new lock does not get cleared when using the “Unlocking all student schedules” option in scheduling, and rolls forward to the Student Class Schedules form as well.
- **New Tdap Requirements and New Immunization Blue Card:** The Medical form has three new fields which includes the new Tdap Booster (TB), Exemption (TE) and Exemption Date (TED). The Vaccination Requirements have also been setup for the Tdap Booster (TB). A new Immunization Blue Card is now available that will print the California School Immunization Record (CSIR) onto “plain blue paper”, alleviating the need to acquire pre-printed blue cards! The new Tdap (Pertussis Booster) Requirement will print in the upper-left corner of the report. There is also an option to Print Blue Card Instructions which will print a second page for dual-sided printing.
- **Query:** Query has been enhanced to include methods to return parts of data fields using “.DAY”, “.MONTH”, “.YEAR” or “.YEARS” after a date field. New Comparison commands have also been added for Greater Than or Equal To and Less Than or Equal To.
- **CAHSEE Test Results:** The CAHSEE Test Results program has been modified to support the new 2010 Data File Layout that is dated January 6, 2011. This layout can now be used in Aeries to import CAHSEE test files from December 2010 – May 2011. A new layout was also added that will accommodate the June 2010 – November 2010 tests which utilizes the previous layout. The changes to the layout were for new modifications that were added to both the ELA and Math test.
- **Physical Fitness Testing:** Physical Fitness Test Results has been updated for the SPRG11 Testing Administration. We have also added new reports including a report based on the Physical Fitness Test Results form and a new district analysis report.

Eagle Software’s 2011 Calendar

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

- Memorial Day - Monday, May 30, 2011
- Independence Day - Monday, July 4, 2011
- Labor Day - Monday, September 5, 2011
- Veteran's Day - Friday, November 11, 2011
- Thanksgiving (Thursday and Friday) - November 24 and November 25
- 2011 Winter Holidays – To Be Determined