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Teacher/Parent/Student Web Portals:

Eagle Software has developed a new portal system for teachers, parents, and students. This new system is based on the Aeries.net code-base and provides a more extensive and streamlined feature set for these users. More areas of the system are now options so they may be visible to parents and teachers. Also, the teacher gradebook has been redesigned to handle both elementary and secondary standards-based grade reporting. The new portal also has full integration with Aeries Analytics and the Early Warning System, providing critical assessment and analysis information to teachers, parents, and students. Lastly, it provides an end-to-end method for creating, printing, scanning, and scoring tests and integrating the results with standards in the gradebook.

Aeries Analytics™ - Bridging the Data Divide:

Aeries Analytics™, the new Testing and Assessment System from Eagle Software, is allowing districts to analyze data more easily than ever before. No longer do districts need to export student data and class lists to 3rd party assessment systems. Aeries Analytics™ is fully integrated with the Aeries SQL database and can analyze data ranging from test scores and attendance, to gradebook data and GPAs. Not only does the system provide powerful data analysis tools, it acts as an Early Warning System to help identify At-Risk Students at all grade levels. Student Watch Lists are integrated right into the new District Analysis Dashboard. To have your school or district added to our list of interested Aeries customers, please email sales@aeries.com.

Fall 2012 Users' Conference – Oct. 8th & 9th at the Sacramento Convention Center:

The Fall 2012 Users' Conference will be held October 8 - 9, 2012 at the Sacramento Convention Center in Sacramento, CA. The registration information has been mailed and posted to our website. If you do not receive a copy of the registration you can download the registration materials from our website at [Conference Registration](#).

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.

Staff Changes:

Please join the Eagle Software staff in congratulating Judi Beghtol as she steps into a new chapter of her life after over 14 years with Eagle Software.

We are pleased to announce that Rachel Flatt is now the Office Manager of Eagle Software. From Rachel: "In the last five years of working as Support Coordinator I have had the ability to build my knowledge base of the company in addition to having the pleasure of speaking daily with a vast number of our clients. Moving forward, I am delighted to have the opportunity to continue to evolve and grow with Eagle Software in my new position as Office Manager."

Chris Brown has joined the Eagle Software 2nd Level Support team. Chris is a graduate of Cal State San Bernardino, majoring in computer systems with a minor in business management. Chris was with the Snowline JUSD for four years doing database analysis and Aeries system support. He also worked as a Network and Database Manager at Apple Valley USD.

David Ingram has joined our team as well as Eagle Software's Media Specialist. He is currently pursuing degrees in audio production and electrical engineering. He is a combat veteran and served in the Army, stationed in Colorado and Baghdad.

Mike Benzow is now Eagle Software's Sales Manager. Mike was previously part of the Aeries Trainers team, and is now focusing his Aeries knowledge and experience on introducing Aeries to school districts throughout California.

Karren Mitchell is joining the Eagle Software Support Team, bringing with her an extensive knowledge of Aeries, acquired while providing support to Aeries users in Tustin Unified School District.

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 30th 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](#) documents 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. Workshops are presented using a lecture format with a single computer and projection unit. Please note there is limited space available.

Leave Data Management to The Parents:

With the recent release of "AIR" (Aeries Internet Registration) for gathering information online for new students, and the upcoming New Aeries Parent Portal with advanced data management features for parents, Aeries can now offload many of data management tasks from school clerks and secretaries to parents. Data entry of new students is always an exhaustive task. AIR lets the parents do most of the data entry, leaving the school to simply verify the information. The New Aeries Parent Portal being released July 1, 2012 (earlier for current Aeries.net districts) allows parents to modify student demographics, contacts, medical conditions, and authorizations at any time during the year. This also takes care of the normal "Summer Re-Registration" of students where parents are normally required to fill out fresh emergency cards, sign various documents, and establish various authorizations. The New Aeries Parent Portal allows documents to be available to parents all year long and gathers authorizations all online. These New Aeries Parent Portal features will be detailed in the new session at the Users Conference in October: "Aeries Browser Interface – What's New in the New Parent, Student, and Teacher Portals".

AeriesCS (Client Server) Not Going Away:

Eagle Software would like to reassure our clients that as new development in Aeries.net and additional features like AIR and Aeries Analytics continue to be released, AeriesCS (Client Server) will remain a viable and fully supported option. Some customers may prefer a client server configuration, and Aeries.net customers may choose to implement a combination of Aeries.net and AeriesCS. Implementing Aeries.net does not require discontinued use of AeriesCS. In fact a phased implementation of Aeries.Net is recommended. Both AeriesCS and Aeries.net utilize the same SQL back end database. They work quite well together, and will continue to do so moving forward.

We encourage Districts still using the Access back end database to consider switching to a SQL back end (AeriesCS and/or Aeries.net) because many of our new features require users to be on SQL. Please remember, our hosting services are available to you as an option, and automatically include Aeries.net. Please contact sales@aeries.com for more information.

ASP Data Hosting Gains Popularity:

Eagle Software is excited about the number of Aeries clients (over 70) who have already chosen 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.

CALPADS Information:

CALPADS End of Year extracts are now available in Aeries. The EOY (BETA) tab is labeled as a Beta and will be refined as we learn more information from the EOY UAT participants. As you prepare for the EOY CALPADS submission, use the available documentation on the website to help populate the data. The Code Value Translation must be completed for the various Assertive Discipline and the CTE fields.

The following extracts are available:

CRSS (Course Section), SCSC (Student Course Section Completion), SDEM (Staff Demographics), SDIS (Student Discipline), SWAV (CAHSEE Waivers) and SCTE (Student CTE) files.

Please refer to the following documentation for detailed information:

- [CALPADS in Aeries.pdf](#)
- [CALPADS End of Year Submissions.pdf](#)
- [Assertive Discipline.pdf](#)

Eagle Software is offering several Regional Workshops on CALPADS EOY. Please refer to the following link for more information: [Workshops](#)

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.

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.

Civil Rights Data Collection Options:

The Civil Rights Data Collection window for the CRDC File Submission will be open starting September 2012 and will be collecting data from all school districts. We have received the recent Civil Rights Layout and we are currently updating the Civil Rights Data Collection program. The Civil Rights Data Collection will have the capability to be run from the School or District version of Aeries. There is also one new form that will provide data for the Civil Rights Report which is the Victim and Witness form. This form will allow you to enter data that can be used for Civil Rights Part 2. The Victims tab can be used for students who have reported that they were harassed or bullied and the Witness tab can be used for a student that witnessed a student being harassed or bullied. An INFO button is also available from the Civil Rights Collection form that will provide you with the latest details and progress.

Discipline Victims & Witnesses:

Victims and Witnesses is a new form that will allow you to store and track information for a student who was a victim or witness to harassment or other offenses. The form features two tabs, one for Victims and the other for Witnesses. Victim or Witness records can be linked to existing Discipline Incident IDs. For more details refer to the documentation. [Victims & Witnesses](#)

Student Groups:

Student Groups is a new form to create/maintain groups of students. This form will allow you to enter students by selecting them by Student#, PermanentID, Name, or by using Query to generate a KEEP/SKIP statement. For more details refer to the documentation. [Student Groups](#).

Students Multi Data Profile:

The Students Multi Data Profile is now available from the District version (Client Server only) that will allow users to create Multi Data Profiles at the district as well as to share profiles with schools. The options available are similar to those found in the school version, which include creating colored graphs, customizing the width of each bucket, printing the Test grade below the scores, copying or deleting profiles, and pulling rubrics scores from TNP for specific tests when needed. The School version (Client Server only) has also been modified to allow a school to view public profiles that have been created at other schools. These profiles can be viewed then imported and modified to meet their school's needs.

Aeries New Feature Highlights:

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

- **Query Load:**

There are new enhancements in Query for saved query statements. The form has been increased for better visibility and every other row is now highlighted. Queries can be flagged as favorites and limited to display only your favorites. The option is also available to limit queries containing specific tables. Client Server has the option to view and import queries from other Schools.

- **Standards Based Grades:**

Standards Based Report Cards now include the option to print Language Assessment information, CELDT test scores, and contain additional language support for translating Mark Types. Also added are new "Applies to Term" fields in the Standards table that will allow schools to define term-specific standards. For more details refer to the documentation.

- **Physical Fitness 2012:**

The May 4, 2012 Aeries Update includes the new Physical Fitness import for the Educational Data Systems test file. The Import Fixed Length File now contains the PFT12EDS layout that can be used to import the EDS test files. These files will include the pass status for each category and will update the Physical Fitness Test Pass Flags in Aeries.

- **ACT Explore:**

Import Fixed Length Files now includes the layout that can be used to import the 2011 ACT Explore test results from the School version of Aeries.

Eagle Software's 2012 Calendar

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

- Memorial Day - Monday, May 28, 2012
- Independence Day - Wednesday, July 4, 2012
- Labor Day - Monday, September 3, 2012
- Thanksgiving (Thursday and Friday) - November 22 and November 23
- 2012 Winter Holidays – To Be Determined