

# EAGLE SOFTWARE NEWSLETTER

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## Eagle Software 2014 Holiday Schedule:

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

### 2014 Holiday Schedule:

- Independence Day - Friday, July 4, 2014
- Labor Day - Monday, September 1, 2014
- Veterans Day - Tuesday, November 11, 2014
- Thanksgiving - Thursday/Friday, November 27-28, 2014

## Recent Blogs:

- [New Year Rollover Video Series](#)
- [Plugging Into Aeries - The Aeries API Is Now Available](#)
- [Aeries Moving Away From Silverlight](#)
- [Aeries.net Moves to .NET 4.0 Framework](#)
- [Code Table Enhancements](#)
- [Aeries AIR Now Supporting Multi-Lingual Access](#)

## Regional Workshops:

Although there are no Regional Workshops currently scheduled, please continue to check our website at [Aeries Regional Workshops](#) for a calendar of upcoming workshops and registration information. Workshops will be presented using a lecture format with a single computer and projection unit.

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## Fall 2014 Users' Conference:



The Fall 2014 Users' Conference will be held October 13 & 14, 2014 at the Sacramento Convention Center. The registration information has been mailed and posted to our website. Registration will now be handled exclusively online. Please visit [Online Conference Registration](#) for more information.

For the first time in Sacramento, there will be a Mixer event on Monday night, featuring appetizers and a cash bar. In addition, due to the popularity of the event in Ontario this past March, this Mixer will include a Casino Night with standard casino games and raffle prizes.

All attendees will receive a free T-shirt and those that choose to go green instead of requesting the paper documentation will receive a flash drive with all of the documentation. Also, free Wi-Fi will be provided to allow tablets, phones, and similar devices the ability to access the conference documentation via the Fall Conference Portal.

## New Aeries.net Gradebook:

As previously announced, we are in the process of re-writing the Aeries.net Gradebook. This change will enable the gradebook to be used on environments without Silverlight like iPads and Chromebooks.

The redesigned gradebook will keep the same level of functionality as the current Aeries.net gradebook, but will look slightly different. The changes are mostly visual, and should be easily adapted to by teachers who are already familiar with the current Aeries.net gradebook.

We are planning on releasing this new version before the start of the 14-15 school year and will leave the current version in place for teachers to transition to on their own timeline.

For more information please check out the blog post on this topic: [Aeries Moving Away From Silverlight](#)

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## Aeries Features Workshops:

First a warm, thank you to all the districts that attended our Aeries Features Workshops this year. We will continue to offer the workshops across the state, this summer and next school year. We will continue to highlight our product enhancements, under-utilized features, as well as time for round-table discussion with an Aeries representative and your peers. Check our website and Facebook page periodically for our free of charge regional workshops at [Aeries Regional Workshops](#).

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## Aeries Training – Plan Ahead!

Training is scheduled on a first come first served basis, so please plan accordingly. The busiest time of the year for Eagle Software trainers is between July 28 and August 29. If you require training within those weeks, please choose a date as soon as you can and contact [Training@aeries.com](mailto:Training@aeries.com) to schedule. Please give complete information on the training you want, 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. The first of next year's workshops will be held in December. The schedule will be posted in October. Workshops are presented using a lecture format with a single computer and projection unit. Please note there is limited space available.

## CALPADS INFORMATION:

### AERIES SPRG ODS RECONCILIATION PROCESS

The CALPADS SPRG ODS Reconciliation process is now available! The SPRG ODS Reconciliation process will analyze the SPRG data in CALPADS and provide the submission records necessary to match CALPADS to your local data. The SPRG extract will now include actual program start and end dates for program records. **All districts will need to run the process to align CALPADS records with Aeries and to ensure successful program reporting from now on.** In order to resolve issues with the SPSRG ODS Reconciliation process, updates may come out more frequently than in the past.

Please refer to the Aeries SPRG ODS Reconciliation document at the following link for important information and detailed instructions: [CALPADS SPRG ODS Reconciliation Process](#)

### NEW CALPADS EXIT CODES

As of the June 6<sup>th</sup> Aeries update, the new Exit Code of E155 (Year End Year Grade Level Exit) will be automatically included in the SENR file for all students without exit codes. This will occur when extracts are performed within 30 calendar days leading up to the end of the school year according to your calendar. The new code of E155 is taken care of for you as you are updating your data for EOY reporting (the E155 exit reason will not appear in the ENR table). If you happen to input a value into STU.EOY or STU.HSG after the E155 is sent to CALPADS, no problem, the new value will be extracted and will overlay the previously reported E155. It is important to note that the Enrollment Update extract options of "Extract All Data This Year" and "Include All Open Enrollment Starting in Previous Years" will need to be selected in order to include the active E155 students.

### CALPADS CHANGES FOR THE 2014/2015 SCHOOL YEAR

There are significant CALPADS file formats changes for the 2014/2015 school year. We will change our extracts AFTER the EOY submission this year. Even with the major CALPADS changes, we will attempt to minimize the impact on the data population requirements of our customers.

**Homeless and Foster Students** – Next school year will have some differences in how Homeless and Foster students are populated. Foster student data will be matched to the State Welfare department. You will also be able to submit Foster information via a SPRG record.

**Address History Changes and Student Data Changes** – We are planning on adding new tables to Aeries to store Address History and Student Data changes. Changes will be saved in the new tables with start and end dates. Some of the fields that will be stored: Name, Gender, Parent Education Level and US School less than 3 years (SSD.SUS). This will enable more accurate SINP extracts.

We suggest that districts check our website often for new or updated CALPADS documentation. 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.

## Eagle Software Staff Changes:

**Retirees:** We have a few Eagles leaving the nest. We would like to thank them for their many contributions to Eagle Software and wish all of them the best with their exciting new adventures.

**Sam Defeo – Vice President of Training.** After working at Eagle Software for 16 years, Sam retired on May 30<sup>th</sup>. Sam was a trainer and customer support lead at Educational Timesharing Systems (ETS) for many years before going on to work with SASI-3 and then SASIxp for multiple SIS companies.

**Greg Foran – Manager of Support.** Greg has managed the Support department for the past 10 years. He will retire on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Greg worked for Macro and NCS/Pearson, and has held lead customer services titles with all of those companies. He has consistently provided the highest level of support services for Eagle Software.

**Lucille Stephenson – Administrative Assistant.** Lucille has been part of our Admin Team for 12 years and has cast her hat into the retirement ring as well. She is looking forward to new adventures with her family and more time to explore new opportunities beginning in the Fall.

### Assuming New Responsibilities:

**Frank Perkins –** Frank will be replacing Greg Foran as the Manager of Support. Frank has worked with Eagle Software since 2004, including six years in First Level Support and, most recently, four years in Second Level Support. Frank plans to capitalize on his extensive experience to guide the department with continued excellence and a customer-first attitude.

**Connie Castillo –** Connie will be our new Administrative Assistant, replacing Lucille Stephenson. Connie has been employed by Eagle Software since 2011 as a part time Receptionist. She has a school background, most recently at Centralia School District holding various Certificated and Classified positions over a total of 15 years, and as a Registrar at Los Alamitos USD.

### New Hires:

**Nicole Radden –** Nicole was previously employed with PAL Charter Academy, began as a First Level Support representative on May 12<sup>th</sup>. She had been working with PAL for a year and a half.

**Clarissa Manning –** Clarissa will be joining the First Level Support Department beginning on July 7<sup>th</sup>. Clarissa had been working at Apple Valley Unified School District for two years. Clarissa will be a part-time employee as she seeks her Master's degree at UCLA.

**Jared Kuszewski –** Jared has been invaluable to Eagle Software throughout the years as a Presenter at Aeries Conferences. He will now be officially joining the company in 2<sup>nd</sup> Level Support starting on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Jared had been working at Santa Maria JUHSD for 10 years.

**Kimberly Hunter –** Kimberly was hired in July 2013 as a First Level Support representative. Kimberly had previous experience with Aeries and CALPADS dating back to 2006 at Inglewood Unified School District and Wilder's Preparatory Academy Charter School.

**Hoan Bui –** Hoan was previously employed as a programmer at Eagle Software from 2006 to 2010, and returned in January of 2014. He previously was one of the first programmers dedicated solely to working on Aeries.net. Now he returns to a Programming Department very much focused on the Aeries.net product and provides an immediate boost due to his previous involvement.

**Francisca Ixquiac** – Francisca began as a programmer at Eagle Software in January of 2014. Francisca enters with plenty of knowledge on Aeries due to her previous employment as Data Systems Analyst at Livingston Unified School District since 2007.

#### **Moving On:**

**Terri Foster** – Terri was with Eagle Software since 2012, left the First Level Support Department in March to return to working in a school district at Huntington Beach City School District as their CALPADS Coordinator.

**Troy Stump** – Troy, who joined Eagle Software as a programmer in October of 2012, departed for a job as a Software Engineer at Phunware, Inc. in April.

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## **Save Money on Your Mailings:**

Eagle software has teamed with long-time partner PTM Document Systems to introduce a new, easy to use, software which will save you up to 10.9 cents per mail piece on all of your district mailings. The software, Print to MailHouse, certifies the addresses you are mailing to are correct, adds the (soon to be mandated for postal discounts) Intelligent Mail Barcode, sorts the print queues for the maximum USPS discount and automatically produces all of the required USPS reports.

Save time by not having to verify addresses, track the delivery of your mail pieces with the Intelligent Mail Barcode, eliminate the time and expense of sending the mail to an outside service for minimal return. Available immediately for the Print to Mail™ and plain paper + envelope report cards and progress reports produced from Aeries and any other district or school mailing. One customer mails 240,000 documents a year and is saving an average of 10 cents per mail piece (\$24,000.00) with Print to MailHouse.

Contact PTM Document Systems at 866-667-2861 or [sales@print-2-mail.com](mailto:sales@print-2-mail.com)

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## **Is Your District Eligible For Microsoft K-12 Voucher Funds?**

There was a new round of funding for the MS Voucher program in March 2014, so districts with balances of \$0 previously may have voucher money now. Some school districts in California may receive benefits from two separate settlements: the **California Education Technology K-12 Voucher Program** and the **Microsoft California Government Entities Settlement**, so check out your MS Voucher balance at:

[K-12 Voucher Balance](#). If you don't see all 4 columns on the above page you need to enable "Compatibility Mode" in IE.

**The deadline for making purchases for voucher redemption is September 25, 2015.**

If you have any questions, you may refer to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) link [Microsoft K12 Voucher FAQs](#) or contact the Settlement Claims Administrator at 1-800-419-5286. **Product and Service Eligibility Inquiries**. The Settlement Claims Administrator responds to product and service inquiries from schools and districts. For information on how to submit a product or service inquiry, follow this link: [K12 Voucher Product Eligibility](#).

## Aeries New Features Highlights:

Please remember to check the:

[Aeries.net Revision Notes](#), [Major Revision Notes](#) and [Detailed Revision Notes](#) for updated information.

- **Parent Data Confirmation:**

The Parent Data Confirmation or Summer Re-registration process has recently been updated with many enhancements for parents and system admins. Please refer to the following documentation for more information: [Aeries.net Parent Data Confirmation.pdf](#)

- **Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC):**

The CAASPP/TIDE form has been renamed to include additional acronyms “CAASPP” and “TIDE”. It has also been redesigned to no longer require students be loaded into the SBAC Pre-ID table (PSB) to run the report or extract. For more information please refer to the documentation:

[Test Settings for Smarter Balanced Assessment](#)

- **Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium Pre-ID Form:**

The Smarter Balanced Pre-Identification Form has been renamed to Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC). The “Print Smarter Balanced Cards” report was modified to not print Student Last Name, and an option added to include the ID, SN, no number, or birthdate on the cards. Also added is an option to sort by First Name only. The Create File will update the Test Settings template file provided by SBAC TIDE. For information please refer to the documentation:

[Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium \(SBAC\)](#)

- **CA Assessment of Student Performance & Progress (CAASPP):**

In order to assist districts in preparing for the CAASPP Smarter Balanced field test this year, Eagle Software has released a change to the Aeries Test Scores form. A new tab for “Test Settings” is now available that can be populated for each student. Additionally, an extract will soon be made available to import this data into the TIDE system. This information is stored in the “STS” table in Aeries.

- **Attendance History:**

Attendance data entered via Aeries.net, Aeries CS and ABI will now be stored in Attendance History tables that will roll from year to year. This will enable districts to analyze longitudinal attendance data.

For more information please refer to the documentation: [Attendance History](#)