iPass News & Updates – March 2020

Hosted Sites: A maintenance Window for the iPass Webserver is scheduled for Sunday, March 8, 2020 from 8pm to 10pm.

During this window no one coming from a hosted site will be able to access iPass.

We had some issues on the iPass webserver the last week of February. Please know that your iPass database server was always secure and no data loss or security breach occurred.

We have done some tuning of the webserver and this maintenance window will allow us the ability to add some more tuning to make sure the webserver does not become unavailable or spotty again.

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Did you miss our first EdTalk?
Watch it now and then take a quick survey

Harris Education Solutions EdTalk:
Conquering the Challenges of Using Data to Inform and Improve
From Hunter-Gatherer to Data Leader

Scott Hagy
February 26, 2020

>> Click here to download a recording

After you watch it please return here and take a Quick EdTalk Survey – How did we do?

The Harris Education Solutions Team is your partner in finding solutions to meet your district's challenges. Our new *EdTalk* Series is one way we will share ideas and best practices from the field of education.

We want to deliver *EdTalks* on the topics that YOU crave and in a format that fits your busy schedule.

Since this *EdTalk* was our first, we'd love to get your feedback. We would appreciate your taking a few minutes to fill out a short survey.

>> Click here for a short survey

March User Group Meeting – Hosted Sites Moving to AWS

Date: March 11, 2020
Time: 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

1. **News & Updates**
2. **Featured Topic:** Hosted Sites Moving to AWS

Dan Youngren and Sujay D'Souza will be reviewing the new environment and speak to the improved security measures this move will provide.

Please share the link below with all of your Technical Staff as well.

Meeting Link: Click here for the User Group Meeting Webex link. Meeting Number is 635 513 566, Meeting Password is Harris. Audio Connections is 1-855-699-3239 Call-in toll-free number (US/Canada).

The Support Team hosts monthly online user group meetings the second Wednesday of every month. Meetings start with important news and updates for all users and include an in-depth review of timely topics.

February User Group Meeting – Recording Available

If you missed last month's User Group Meeting, would like to see it again, or want to share it with others, the recording has been posted in iPass Help: Webex – iPass User Group Meeting (February 2020) – News & Updates / SSDR.

Districts are finding success with SSDR Submission with our Discipline & SSDR Success – *Easy as 1-2-3!*

Sign up to get in on the deal

The iPass Support Team is available to help your schools manage their student discipline records and reporting requirements in the most effective and efficient manner. This includes implementing Online Teacher Behavioral Referrals, coding Behavior Records, generating incident and consequence reports, and submitting DESE's annual School Safety and Discipline Report (SSDR).

The iPass Support Team offers options to assist all levels of users in the discipline process. Pick from the following options that will best fit your needs and the skill level of your discipline staff and insure a successful outcome. Click here for more information.

> *1…* *FREE* Webinar: Discipline & SSDR
> *2…* Discipline Staff Training Session
> *3…* Personalized Coaching

Patch Releases in March

A patch release went out last night, March 3, 2020. Please refer to the Release Notes for details. Find links below.

- 7.0.20200303_sync (January 8, 2020) – Click here for Release Notes

Highlights

- The DOE has added Attending School for SCS to the Section Info Override Section

- SIF SSDR Duplicate ID are no longer being sent by SIF Reporting

Recommendation Configuration setting to automatically turn Recommendations to Requests is now working again

March SIMS Report

Note sent out from the DESE:

The data submitted will be as of this date, March 2nd.   Starting today (March 2nd), if your data is error free, you can freeze, run summary reports and certify.

The initial certification deadline is Thursday March 19th. We need to have as many districts as possible certified by this date so we can run and publish duplicate students. **The final certification deadline is Thursday March 26th**, after duplicates have been reviewed and resolved.

Some reminders and updates on summary reports:
When reviewing your summary reports prior to certifying, don't forget to review Summary Report 16 (Duplicate Enrollment Report). This report gives you a list of students who are being reported as enrolled in your district, and another public district is also reporting this student as enrolled on report date. Reviewing this preliminary duplicate list and making any necessary corrections will help reduce the number of conflicts that we have when we run final duplicates after the initial certification deadline of March 19th.

Also, in the Student Attendance summary reports (reports 17 and 18), there is a new detail view available that shows the list of SASIDs included in the chronic absenteeism calculation, and the list of students identified as being chronically absent. The chronic absenteeism counts on the summary reports are links – click the link and you will see a detail report with the lists of students that make up that count.

As always, if you have a question on SIMS reporting, please reach out to your data collection support specialist.

The iPass Support Team has put together several resources to help you prepare for the March SIMS Report. The following are available in iPass Help:

- Quick Guide: Preparing for Massachusetts March and EOY State Reporting (Updated 2020).
- Helpful Hints Guide – March SIMS 2020

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