

## Welcome to Wednesday's Wisdom – A weekly dose of support! August 5, 2015

### Announcements

#### SIF 2.7 update – iPASS is a step closer to SIF Re-certification

We have successfully passed the SIFA certification requirement which is a large step of the overall SIF 2.7 project. We are working with DESE to complete all of the remaining 2.7 testing requirements. We will keep everyone informed as we progress. Please note that once testing is complete we will be moving immediately into deployment and will provide all of the pertinent instructions and dates at that time.

### iPASS Product Update

#### New iPASS Version Rolling Out This Summer

This August we will be updating all sites to have the same schema (table structure) and source programs and updating the remaining districts to the new graphical interface featuring the new Gradebook and the Publishing Application.

The new version includes the following new features:

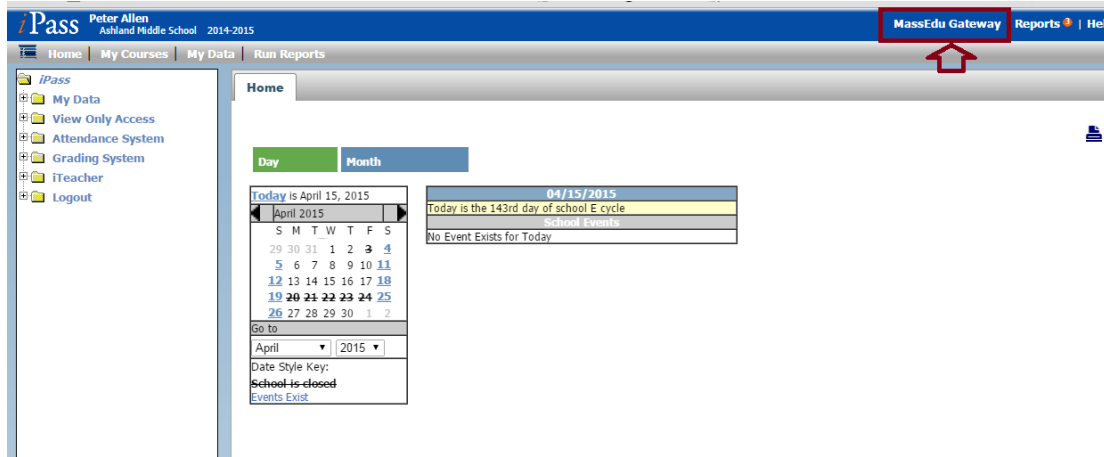
- Selected access options to another teacher's Rankbook
- iHealth Improvements to Nurse's Log and adding Immunizations
- Improvements to the iParent Registration screen for easier navigation
- Additional iParent Configuration options
- GPA configured up to 5 decimal places and Credits up to 4 decimal places
- Multiple Attendance codes can be entered on same day
- Half Day Attendance codes can be assigned
- Enter Daily Attendance Copy down feature for In, Out, Return, Left and Guardian Note
- New Elementary Scheduling associate course with Home Room
- Hide additional terms required for SCS reporting (fake terms)

Stay tuned for additional information and features.

We have started the roll out and a few districts have been successfully updated. You will be contacted by our Tech Team when your district's roll out is ready to be scheduled. This transition to the new version is seamless and only takes a few hours of down time and will be done in the late afternoon. There is nothing you need to do. Once back online users can continue with their usual activity with no disruption.

Districts moving to the new graphical interface will notice a few changes on the log in screen and teachers will have access to the new Gradebook. More information can be found on the changes in iPASS Help > iTeacher > Help > [New! Gradebook and iPass User Interface](#). [Click here for WebEx recording](#).

**Single Sign On (SAML)** – Once your district has been upgraded to the new version of iPASS, Harris will be working with the MA DOE to configure your districts to access MassEdu Gateway system. You will be able to assign a State Login Group for each Job Type in iPass that will give users with that Job Type the appropriate Global Role access (ie. Teacher, Administrator Evaluator, etc). The user will be able to access MassEdu Gateway when logged into iPASS.



## Reminders

**August Monthly User's Group WebEx Meeting – August 12 at 1:00pm – Topic: End of Year Procedures & Preparing for the New School Year.** We will discuss the End of Year Procedures and take a look at what you need to do to get ready to start your new school year at the next Monthly iPASS User's Group WebEx meeting on Wednesday, August 12 at 1:00pm. [Click here for User's Group WebEx details](#)

