



News from Take Two

Feature Article: Loads to Talk About

Welcome back to another School Year - this will be Take Two' 20th Season. How many of you were with us on our first? Oh my, how the technology and software has changed since then!

Customer have been busy since our last new letter. Other than the usual CIMS day-to-day and ever changing business needs, customers are branching out to our web application and to Sequel for reporting and data needs. This is exciting! Adding CIMS to end-user on the Web (Parent and Teacher) is key to future growth. Presenting CIMS information better with Sequel is key to finally taking advantage of the wealth of information we have in CIMS.

Take Two has also been busy. Our initiatives are back to manageable as we have applied most of the conference and post-conference ideas into the code. We have also been able to invest heavily into Web. Teacher Connect will be carrying 90% of Teacher GUI function before the end of

September and we will be releasing an EMS Job Posting app and Maintenance Work Order app before the end of December. Deb and Kim are planning to go to San Antonio for advanced web training in early 2007 to sharpen our Take Two development skills.

There is one outstanding item from our Conference. Take Two was to survey customers on their development goals, compile thoughts, and then publish a plan. A survey was handed out in April to key district contacts and to date we have received responses from only 2 districts. Customers were very vocal at conference wrap up and expressed a need to have input. If this is still true, we need to hear from you.

Take Two wishes the best of luck to you all for a satisfying and successful 2006/2007 School Year. Let's make it a great one!

News and Views:

- A Payroll and HR release was implemented in July. New to Take Two, we offered release highlight webinar for HR and Payroll. Customer feedback was very positive. We will make it a habit to offer webinar with new release so customers get exposure to how/what new features they can take advantage of. For those Payroll or HR departments that did not participate - don't miss the next one!
- A Student release was implemented in August. Due to school startup timing, we did not have a webinar to show-off highlight. We will offer a webinar for IT and Master Schedule school sometime later October.
- Both Parent Connect and Teacher Connect Web underwent significant enhancement/rewrite. The latest release is September 10th with a follow-up to Teacher Connect for early October. We are getting VERY excited about our future in the Web! To date North Okanagan-Shuswap, Delta, Seven Oaks, and River East Transcona have web server up and running hosting Teacher Connect and Parent Connect.
- A Finance release will be released in October. There are significant enhancements to warehouse component - bid management, permits, and catalogue loading.
- The Financial Year rollover even with new 6% Federal GST reduction seemed to go totally smooth. We noted less call balancing and carrying forward financial records. If your district had any issues, let us know!

- What a brutal summer of change for BC District - student and employee related. Bill 33 legislation for class size/Special Ed consult, new September 30/1701 web transmission process, teacher bonus incentive, new government initiated allowance and a Retro all at the same time along with a new theory about providing advance for TOC/Subs. A a consolation to you all BcEd district in addition to the above are all also facing student software and access issue that are significant - they have been allowed additional time to submit 1701.
- Sequel is progressing nicely Delta, Loui Riel, Comox Valley, and Central Okanagan are all on board and have received training. Take Two has some pre-developed reports that have already been shared with all districts. Loui Riel school depend on Sequel report already for many student and financial reporting. The potential for this product is HUGE.
- Take Two will be visiting the following districts in August-October - Fort McMurray, Salmon Arm, Kelowna, Mytery Lake, Loui Riel, River East Transcona, Brandon, Seven Oak, and The Winnipeg School Division.
- It is time to confirm annual visit plan and goal set for 2006-2007. Factor visit () into your budget! Plan training and consulting. Time is money, and CIMS can save a lot of it for you.

Customer Section:

The Customer section will be empty without your input - get involved!

Top Tips for the Month:

- End user can turn any CIMS reports to .pdf so that they can email it as an attachment or share it with other over the web (eg: Job Posting, financial report ...). There is a 'How to pdf a CIMS report' document on our website www.take2goinc.com under the student support tab.
- Never use 'Index and <F4>' together. If you are on a course request or employee screen, either choose to 'C' and then <F4> to get the list of name to select ... OR Choose to 'Index and Enter' to get that same list. If you do both 'I' and <F4> you get the list twice!
- Use CIMS to print employee envelopes. In EIS.380 notice the 'P'. Select the appropriate employee then 'P' and #4 to print their name/address info directly to an envelope.
- Need to send a quick email to all those employees who have CSB deduction to remind them renewal paperwork is due? Wouldn't it be nice to email all OFFICE related vendors to remind them of annual tender? How about emailing all parents of the school to remind them of appreciation day next week? All this is possible through CIMS. Learn how to use PAY.525 (employee), STU.525 (tu/parent), PUR.525 (Vendor) to make email including attachment.

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