



**2011 - Web Enhancements  
Parent Connect & Teacher Connect  
(Use PTF201101websms for Jan-June Enhancements)  
(June 18<sup>th</sup> – August 19<sup>th</sup>)  
(August 20 – 26<sup>th</sup>)  
(August 27 – September 2)  
(September 3 – September 30) ..updated Oct 5<sup>th</sup>  
(October 5<sup>th</sup> – Oct 27) \*\*RePost Nov 10  
(November 19 – December 15th)**



**Parent Connect and Student Connect**

- August 19: Absence view was not accurately showing absence reason, is now showing reason description if it exists.
- August 19: Send message box increased from 400 characters to 750
- August 19: Send message from ParentConnect or StudentConnect can now include an attachment for the teacher.
- August 19: For ParentConnect there is a new 'Forgot my Password' feature. If Parent does not know their password they just click on the icon and it will email them their password. THIS HAS SIGNIFICANT IMPACT on your help notes to parents and on schools instructions/procedures for passing out passwords ... YOU DO NOT NEED TO!!!
- August 19: Online Forms on dashboard now only include those forms that have not been responded to. In addition there is a new <Forms History> tab available under the bulletin board tab or directly from the main screen that shows all forms ever responded to (newest to oldest order).
- August 19: New display assignment marks as letter (from TeacherConnect). Teachers can control per course/section whether to view by percentage or letter.
- September 2: Reformatted forms information tab to ensure that it would not overlap bulletin board when large volume of forms are posted or long descriptions are used.
- September 2: New Assignment view for parents. Marks per course/per term is no longer shown. New view of all current year (newest to oldest) posted interim assignments and report cards are available right from assignment screen.
- September 30: Enhanced Assignment Print to utilize short description if there is on assignment rather than just cutting off at long description length.
- October 27: Additional enhancement on assignment view to accommodate students retaking a course and taking courses at additional buildings. Display will now show more information, school etc. to clarify what assignments and courses exist.
- Nov 10: Up to 4 bus routes will now show for a student (if applicable – previously was 2)
- Nov 10: \*\*significant enhancement for student taking courses in multiple buildings\*\* If a student is in multiple buildings a new school drop down comes in at bulletin board so

parent/student can access that locations bulletins, web forms, calendar, etc. Significant more flexibility for the parent to see schedules, attendance, assignments etc. per location rather than accumulated.

- December 15: Assignment view has been enhanced to show term/unit percentages in addition to overall percentage for a course.



## • **Teacher Connect**

- Student Cum File history button added to registration screen so you can see what has occurred with the CUM file for this student.
- August 19: Send message box increased from 400 characters to 750.
- Student list images have been redone and are hopefully clearer, stand out. Also new SAFETY image has been added based on SAF health code (to be used for high risk, Safety Plan, Threat Assessment Students!)
- August 19: On <Demog> tab added transportation information (if it exists) for student.
- September 30: Course/Homeroom report (SCH.997) shows student network ID and password to help students with student connect. It now also shows the student MET# so you can assist parents with ParentConnect signon.
- December 15: Added new Student Assignment <PRINT> from within Student View assignments tab so teacher can get a profile for that student and all assignments all courses.

## **Student Assignments**

- Group Definition tab modified cosmetically to help know the difference between creating a group name versus adding courses to the course group.
- August 19: Simplified Assignment screen and reformatted slightly for readability
  - Removed close after save ... close when you are ready to!
  - Removed “Copy TO” ... moved that into new assignment – COPY FROM
  - Renamed/Moved SYNC GROUP button directly beside save so user can save assignment and when necessary Sync Group immediately after.
- August 19: Course assignment main view edited to show in color (RED) when Assignment is not included in Calc. Also added unit/term field to main view.
- August 19: HUGE FEATURE – If the course you are in has no assignments there is a new <COPY> button that allows you to copy ALL assignments from any other course (this year of previous)
- August 19: New “Show grades as letter” option in course setup. This means that you can use and mark assignments and mark everything as true 2 out of 5, 20/20 ... and now have the printed report show letter value totals (A rather than 91%).
- August 19: **HUGE** – New setup for Unit/Strand is available. This replaces the use of Grade titles and allows teachers flexibility in breaking up assignments to unit types for calculation and reporting rather than just by Term1, Term2. This is a significant new feature for those wanting to manage assignments by unit/strand! Within each assignment, teacher adds the assignment to an appropriate unit ... then reporting will add subtotals by unit and report in total and by unit.
- August 19: All grade/term wording changed to “UNIT” and all references changed to look at the Unit definitions rather than GRD.201 if strand/unit definitions are defined.

- August 26: Additional changes made to mass copy all assignments – now automatically brings assignments in with display mark to parents and calc marks to unchecked and if copied from previous year – automatically ups the year of all assignments.
- August 26: Front Assignment view enhanced to show invalid (not in school year) dates in Red. Also added a new column to show what TERM that assignment mark would be included in (based on assignment date).
- September 2: Enhanced the student spreadsheet to include up to 33 students. Also now show the word ‘zero’ for students that receive a 0 mark.
- September 30: Sync button now actually SAVES and SYNCs. To date the rule has been save your work, then sync. In this new scenario if you forgot to save – no problem, SYNC will perform both operations.
- September 30: Additional changes made to Assignment Profile Print to show better unit descriptions (at top) and to highlight assignments by strand (at bottom). In the bottom section it will also not show any category with no assignments
- September 30: Course drop down in group was limited to just those courses that you teach. They will now also include any courses that have been shared with you from other teachers.
- September 30: Course Assignment spreadsheet now allows for a task range.
- September 30: Many screen adjusted to show Unit short description rather than the U01, U02
- October 27: Within a student view of assignments – redid view to match exactly what it looks like from PC and SC. Also included the enhancements like PC where students taking same course more than once and courses at multiple schools – assignment view much better.
- December 15: New sort options in Course Assignment view to view assignments by date, due date, or assignment order. Default has been changed to assignment#, task# order which is consistent with the spreadsheet and assignment summary views.
- December 15: Course marks spreadsheet, assignment summary and printed summary all now contain full and consistent header information – Term/Unit, Assg#/Task#, Mark Total, and description. NOTE: **Now shows first 6 characters of the Profile Heading or description!**
- December 15: In Course setup teacher can decide per course whether to display term/unit percentages to parents independent and in addition to the overall percentage.
- December 15: Added ability in assignments tab for teacher to see overall percentage plus term progress totals. There is a new Display term mark option in assignment setup that must be checked.

### Elementary Report Card

- August 19: Report Card worksheet GRE.5XX print additional option to include Narrative Y/N
- August 19: Schools can now control valid grade entry per course, per grade title using GRE.204. This is important to setup as it will ensure that teachers are putting valid symbols (or no mark at all) per subject per grading period.
- August 19: **HUGE:** In addition to being able to edit marks and comments - view by Subject will now allow user to edit factors and outcomes for all students for that subject on a single screen.
- August 19: New option on subject view to autofill marks with X
- August 19: **HUGE:** New ability for subject based teachers (PE, Music, etc) to be able to input marks, comments, outcome values for that subject. For these teachers, their subject list

appears (similar to high school) and when they choose to list students in the <GRADES> tab there is a new <Elementary Grades> tab.

- August 19: Added new %He/she %Him/her like symbols to narrative so that standard narrative comments can be copy/pasted between students and the system will automatically resolve the appropriate name, him/her etc. HUGE FEATURE.

## Corrections

- August 19: Absence view was not accurately showing absence reason, is now showing reason description if it exists.
- August 19: Problem in transcript view for BC – will only show courses if their TRAX YR/MONTH is \*GE today
- August 19: Course assignment marks upload corrected to load ALL marks all pages. Previously it saved per page.
- August 26: Parent forms correction to display attached form ... problem with link not working
- September 30: Setup box corrected to show all categories selected (was cutting off at 5).
- September 30: Was a problem with <SYNC> on new add .. potential to duplicate assignment. This has been resolved.
- September 30: Send Message was cutting off at 512 even though said it would allow 750. Now it accepts the full 750 and will not allow you to overtype past the limit.
- September 30: Correction in ParentConnect <forgot my password> .. consider guardian1 or guardian2 email if address is the same
- October 5<sup>th</sup>: Corrected online web form – was not listening to limit by tag
- October 27: In Assignment Copy from another course – date was automatically incrementing a year (thinking it was a previous year course) .. corrected.
- Nov 10: In PC and SC better checks for Homeroom Y or N to block homeroom from showing and prints from showing homeroom during summer (if not appropriate).
- December 15: Course assignment summary corrected logic in showing exclude rather than 0 for 0 marked excluded grades.

## Technical/Admin Notes

- August 19: Administrative: Added additional flexibility to Course Request entry for schools to control Add/Change/Lookup separately now between StudentConnect, ParentConnect, TeacherConnect and AdminConnect. Previously user groups were lumped together for access.
- Send Message has been rewritten to work more efficiently. Also all outgoing mail is being logged on the iseries to confirm what messages (details of every person sent to, message sent, subject) were sent to the email server STU.526.
- August 19: For those districts launching from EmployeeConnect, logging out of TeacherConnect will take you appropriately back to Employeesignon.
- August 19: HUGE: HUGE HUGE HUGE - Added Sub Employee# to TCH.410 record. This means that the Sub can sign into EmployeeConnect and automatically launch to Teacherconnect without requiring a password from you!!!! This Teacher access is only available in EC to that SUB for the time period indicated in TCH.410.
- September 2: Correction made when moving from Elementary Report Card subject back to student list.