Harrisburg Project
Software Support for Special Education

WEEKLY NEWS BRIEFING   **DECEMBER 18, 2020**
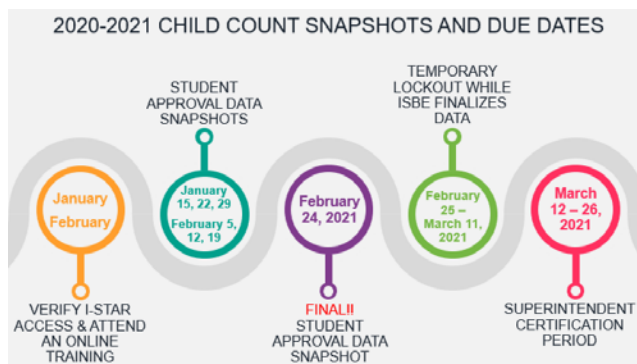
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December 1 Child Count Snapshots Begin in January

It is imperative that your district report an accurate December 1 Child Count. In an effort to assist you with the reporting deadline of February 24, 2021, ISBE will begin weekly December 1 Child Count Snapshots on Friday, January 15th. No edits will be allowed after February 24th, even if they are found by the district superintendent.

The following timeline shows ALL December 1 Child Count Snapshot data pickups:

2020-2021 CHILD COUNT SNAPSHOTS AND DUE DATES

In order for a student to be included in the December 1 Child Count, the following must be true in I-Star:

- Students receiving special education on December 1 must have a *Student Approval* in I-Star.

- *Student Approval* must be Error Free and listed as 'A' for Approved.

After completing data entry for *Student Approval* records, complete 'Recheck Edits' from the *Student Approval* filter page for up-to-date *Student Approval* errors. Once this has completed, print the 'Student Approval Error Listing' from *Reports -> Application Reports -> Student -> Errors.*

To verify the list of students that will be included in the December 1 Child Count Snapshot, review the 'Approvals Reported for Child Count' report from *Reports -> Application Reports -> Student -> Approval.*

Harrisburg Project will provide training for the December 1 Child Count Snapshot beginning January 11, 2021. To register for a training, click the Events tab from our website, www.hbug.k12.il.us.

Dates to Remember

December 21, 2020— January 1, 2021 - Office Closed for Christmas/New Year Break

January 15, 22, 29, 2021 - December 1 Child Count Snapshot Data Pickup

February 5, 12, 19, 2021 - December 1 Child Count Snapshot Data Pickup

February 24, 2021 - FINAL December 1 Child Count Snapshot Data Pickup

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Customized training is available at your convenience.
Click the following link to request an Individualized Training!!

Customized Training - Register Now!

Happy Retirement Diane Grisham!

After 22+ years with Harrisburg Project, I'm excited to announce that I'll be retiring, effective December 31, 2020.

When I was hired in October of 1998, Harrisburg Project was in the process of phasing out EDMACS, a DOS based program, and introducing EDWIN, a Windows application. While in the office, I started out using EDMACS and, just as I became comfortable with it, they took it away and replaced it with EDWIN. The purpose was to witness first-hand the "growing pains" the clients would be experiencing. It was quite a shock! Since then, we have transitioned to iePoint> and finally, the current web-based I-Star program. I have enjoyed providing client support for all of these applications as well as the many other products the project has provided over the years.

I was also hired to travel and provide on-site trainings, and LUG meetings (Local User Group, later changed to HUG meetings), ranging from the Chicago area all the way down to Cairo, in the most South-Eastern tip of Illinois. Those were the days when we had to haul a trunk of full-sized monitors and computers for the clients to train on. It was quite a work out!! Although it was a hectic schedule, I have to say I really enjoyed the "face to face" with the clients, which put a new perspective on client support when returning back to the office.

In addition to meeting a myriad of great employees from the districts and Co-Ops, I have had the pleasure of working with and getting to know many great ISBE staff members, three Regional Superintendents, three Harrisburg Project Directors, not to mention all the wonderful staff I have been blessed to be able to share the job and workplace with through the years. I will miss each and everyone of you and would like to take the opportunity to say "Thank you" for everything!

I am looking forward to spending time visiting, travelling, and camping with my husband, children, grandchildren, and my new puppy, Eleanor.

Updates to I-Star

ISBE released updates to I-Star on Friday, December 18th. To review the list of items included in this release, visit the Recently Added section of our website, www.hbug.k12.il.us.

Harrisburg Project trainings are now available with 'Closed Captioning'!

Harrisburg Project Recorded Trainings - YouTube

Holiday Schedule

Harrisburg Project will be closed beginning Monday December 21, 2020 - January 1, 2021. Normal business hours will resume Monday, January 4, 2021.

The staff at Harrisburg Projects hopes that everyone is able to enjoy the holiday season as we come to the end of a crazy and unexpected year. We look forward to 2021 and our continued service to our clients!

Season's Greetings

Events Registration

Be sure to check out the schedule and sign up for a training today! To view the upcoming schedule, visit our website (www.hbug.k12.il.us) then select the 'Events' tab or simply click the following link:

Events

1/11/21 Preparing for Child Count Due February 24, 2021 1:00PM

1/21/21 Child Count Certification Process in I-Star 9:00AM

1/25/21 Preparing for Child Count Due February 24, 2021 9:00:AM

2/8/21 Child Count Certification Process in I-Star 9:00AM

2/11/21 Preparing for Child Count Due February 24, 2021 9:00:AM

2/18/21 Child Count Certification Process in I-Star 9:00AM

2/22/21 Preparing for Child Count Due February 24, 2021 9:00:AM

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