We would like to inform you of the following updates to PowerSchool and TIENET:

PowerSchool

1. New Attendance Code

School Approved Absence (App) is a new attendance code available to PowerSchool administrative users. The attendance status for this code is present, meaning that it will be excluded from attendance calculations (like the School Activity (ACT) attendance code).

School Approved absence is a necessity for co-operative education teachers and students to ensure they are properly coded when not in class, but not on placement (continue to use the ACT attendance code for placements). After the pre-placement component, students are required to attend class once a week, go to work placements once a week, and the 3 other days they are not required to be in class so the teacher can do co-op visits and the students can catch up on work missed.

School Approved absence could also be used in situations when a student is meeting with an administrator or a counsellor.

2. PowerTeacher Pro – Convert PowerTeacher Gradebook to PowerTeacher Pro

Teachers who had used the former Java-based gradebook (known as PowerTeacher Gradebook) were still able to launch the gradebook to view past classes. Teachers are no longer able to launch PowerTeacher Gradebook, but teachers can still access content from past classes. Teachers can now copy their previous class content into PowerTeacher Pro should they need access to those assessments, scores, grades, and/or comments.

To do so, expand the Class Selector at the top of the PT Pro page, then expand the term selector, and then select the past school year for the class or classes that need to be converted. Select a class to convert it from PowerTeacher Gradebook to PowerTeacher Pro, and once completed, the class content can be viewed using PT Pro.

3. PowerTeacher Pro – No Evidence (NE) Special Code Discontinued

When PowerTeacher Pro is set up to Outcomes Weighting, teachers could use the NE special code to override an outcome grade. As of September 2023, the NE special code is discontinued.

Since September 2022, the PowerSchool Student-Parent Portal displays the code INS (Insufficient Evidence) as an «In-Progress Mark» whenever the teacher has flagged a student's assignment SCORE as «Missing». These changes were done to improve communication with students and families and to better align with the process outlined in the flowchart (page 3) of the "Classroom Assessment Due Date and Extension Procedures". This functionality applies to grades 1 to 12 and is only supported on the browser version of the PowerSchool Student/Parent Portal. It does not apply to the mobile application.

TIENET

1. New Category of Documents for Health

A new category of documents has been created called '**Health - School/Board/RCE Documents'**, and the following internal health-related documents have moved under this new category:

- Administration of Medication to Students – moved from *Program Planning* category
- Consent for Nursing Services – moved from *Provincial Consent Forms* category
- Health Plan(s) of Care – moved from *Program Planning* category
- Nursing Progress Notes – moved from *Confidential Record - School/Board/RCE Documents* category

2. Three New Insulin Plans

Three new separate insulin plan documents have been created to support the new *'Managing Diabetes in School'* Policy*.* These documents are aligned with a student's *Health Plan of Care* for their health care needs/medical diagnosis. These documents are required for students who receive insulin during the school day as part of their plan of care. These documents are to be completed in consultation with the Health Care Provider and/or the School Health Partnership Nurse.

The three new documents are:

- Student Insulin Plan (for Approved App, Dosing Chart, or Parent/Guardian Call for Dose)
- Student Insulin Plan (for Correction Scale)
- Student Insulin Plan (Set Doses)

3. Last Modified Date for Strengths, Challenges, and Interests (SCI's)

To help ensure that the SCIs reflect the current student profile, the date when they are added or modified is now automatically saved. This pertains to the Profile Section on the Program Information Page or in one of the following documents:

- Documented Adaptations
- Individual Program Plan (IPP)
- Pre-primary Routine-Based Plan
- Referral for Services
- Student Meeting Minutes
- Student SCIs for Classroom Teachers
- Transition Plan (for students not on IPP

4. Update to Individual Program Plan (IPP)

The 'Academic *Other*' option has been removed from the **Focus of AIO** since all outcomes can be coded under *Academic Literacy*, *Academic Numeracy*, *Life Skills* or *Social Development*.

5. 'IPP Report' Template Renamed

The IPP Report template has been renamed from 'IPP Report [New]' to 'IPP Report'. Please note this change only affects newly created IPP Reports, and not previously created IPP Reports.

6. 'Service Note' Required on Services Data Screen

To capture a comprehensive picture of the services a student receives throughout their academic career, the 'Service Notes' textbox is now a required field. High-level service data must be recorded into the Service Notes by the service provider, except for those services that do not have access to TIENET (i.e., Occupational Therapy/Physical Therapy, Teacher Assistant, etc.).

The Service Note textbox is not a place for a full report of the service. Instead, it should include a brief high-level description of the service that includes frequency, duration, resources, possible next steps and directions to corresponding documents in the student's document library. The Service Note must always include the author and date.

7. New Service Available on 'Services Data' Screen

The option to complete referrals and capture data for the service 'Assistive Technology/Augmentative and Alternative Communication Specialist' is now available for those students requiring this service. The service name has been abbreviated to "AT/AAC Specialist".

8. Students 14+ now Participants in Student Meeting Minutes

To support student involvement and value their voice and choice in achieving their goals, the student's name will now automatically be populated in the 'Student Meeting Minutes - Participants' for students 14 years of age and older.

Student Planning Teams (SPT) will select "Yes/No" to indicate whether a student attended the SPT meeting, following the same process that is used for Parents/Guardians.

Students of all ages are encouraged to participate in SPT, when appropriate, however the age of 14 was selected to align with the transition planning guidelines.

9. Retired 'Request for a Team Meeting' Document

The 'Request for a Team Meeting' document has been retired since a documented request is **not** required for a Student Planning Team meeting. Student Planning Team meeting minutes are recorded and uploaded in the student's document library.

10. Role-Stacking Now Available for TIENET Roles

To provide staff with better access to documents they need to do their job when playing multiple roles within a school, TIENET has incorporated role-stacking. Role-stacking allows a single user to be assigned multiple TIENET roles, with each role granting them access to various documents and screens within TIENET.