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TO      Superintendents
        Charter School Directors
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HOME BASE OPT-IN TOOL AND PRICING FOR 2019-20

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) is pleased to announce that the full suite of Home Base is available with many new and updated features to all districts and charter schools for the 2019-20 school year. Among them are:

**NCEES Unified Talent**
- Updated dashboards to track CEUs through local PD course modules and varied PD opportunities;
- Free access to NCDPI self-paced Canvas and Moodle modules aligned to staff standards and elements;
- Effective educator evaluation instruments based on NC teacher standards and NC standards for administrators;
- LEAs and charter schools are given access to NCEES Unified Talent for the same low price as last year - $1/ADM (this fee also includes access to Schoolnet).

**Schoolnet**
- New for 2019-20: Streamlined assessment creation and scheduling dashboard, including easy access to share assessments and locally created question banks;
- Additional assessment features like Text to Speech, multiple standards alignment, and Gap Match technology-enhanced items;
- Formative assessment items for many secondary Career and Technical Education courses;
- More reporting features, including Benchmark Reporting Dashboard, Standard Performance Reports, and an updated teacher dashboard with one-click access to pre-formatted reports;
- LEAs and charter schools are given access to Schoolnet for the same low price as last year - $1/ADM (this fee also includes access to NCEES Unified Talent).
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Canvas (available with state-negotiated convenience pricing)
- Robust learning management system with LTI connections available for many popular learning tools such as Flipgrid, Khan Academy, Nearpod, and Quizlet;
- Supports personalized digital learning with mastery paths to quickly customize learner experiences based on content mastery;
- Access to more than 55 fully developed courses on the NC Canvas Commons including NCVPS and DLC’s for Teachers content;
- Districts and charter schools can acquire Canvas for an additional cost of $3.74 per user through the state-negotiated convenience contract. This rate will remain available only to districts and charters that renew their local contracts for at least three years prior to June 30. All others will be subject to a cost of $3.92 per user in the future.

Learning.com (available with state negotiated convenience pricing)
- EasyTech - a complete online digital literacy curriculum that provides an engaging way to teach essential digital literacy skills through interactive lessons, application exercises, discussions, and quizzes;
- Inquiry - a supplemental curriculum that takes a project-based approach to integrating digital literacy into instruction with ready-to-go, technology-infused projects for all core subjects;
- Digital Literacy Assessment - assessments that provide real-time data to quickly determine students’ grasp of digital literacy concepts;
- Training - workshops and a vast array of on-demand resources such as webinars, downloadable recordings, and online content designed to address schools' and districts' unique instructional goals;
- Pricing: $7.50 per user or $3,200 per building license (whichever is most cost effective);
- Funding is available to support the adoption and implementation within Tier 1 economically distressed counties.

Imagine Math (available with state negotiated convenience pricing)
- Rigorous, standards-aligned digital supplemental math program that personalizes learning for each student;
- Availability of certified, bilingual math teachers for fostering optimal learning conditions while ensuring that students get the help they need, including evenings and weekends;
- Assessments aligned to the Quantile Framework provide educators with a reliable measure of student readiness to learn specific concepts;
- Reporting functionality allows educators to make data-driven insights to drive instruction;
- Pricing: $8,450 per site license with Premier Plus Support or $32.50 per user (whichever is most cost effective)
#GoOpenNC – Open Educational Resources and Collaborative Space (included at no additional cost)

- New for 2019-20: #GoOpenNC is a collaborative space for K-12 educators across the state to find standards-aligned educational resources and share open education resources.
- Open author tool supports educators in creating openly licensed educational resources (lesson plans, curricular units, activities, textbooks, and full courses) that meet accessibility guidelines and are aligned to North Carolina Standard Course of Study standards.
- Custom groups allow for educators to organize and collaborate on resources for specific education topics by grade level, subject area, or location (School or LEA specific groups).
- Content hubs allow educators to easily find collections of resources specific to their needs, including Global Education and STEM.

**PowerSchool (included at no additional cost)**

- Standard object report enhancements, consecutive absence alert, summer school enrollments and mass enroll capabilities for summer school, end of summer school process, a state reporting help feature, and enterprise reporting enhancements
- PowerTeacher Pro (Gradebook) with a cleaner interface and features like:
  - no more Java dependencies
  - mobile-responsive design
  - ability to import scores
  - fully integrated standards-based grading
  - built-in progress reporting
  - professional judgment indicator that helps teachers understand which grades to focus on to determine if the final grade accurately reflects the student’s level of understanding
  - ability to copy over assignments from PT Gradebook
  - Section Readiness Report.

All price quotes are good for the 2019-20 school year. Prices are based on state appropriated funding and are subject to change in subsequent years.

Access to the Home Base Opt-in Tool is available at [https://schools.nc.gov/homebaseaccess](https://schools.nc.gov/homebaseaccess). Only district finance officers and charter school principals may request access to the online opt-in tool for their district/school. When submitting a request, you are confirming that district/school leadership supports the decision to opt-in. If your district/school currently has access to Schoolnet and NCEES Unified Talent, and is planning to continue use for the 2019-20 school year, you must indicate planned usage for school year 2019-20 by June 15. Otherwise, your access will be discontinued on July 1. After access request is approved, an invoice will be generated within the opt-in tool and emailed to the email recipient within the tool.

Providing school districts and charter schools access to robust digital content is a priority for DPI. Through the Digital Learning Initiative, we are collaborating with state partners to bring additional digital content to Home Base in the 2019-20 school year.
Checks should be made payable to North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (TIN # 561492826), with “Home Base 2019-20” in the memo line. Mail the invoice and check to NC Department of Public Instruction, Cash Management and Collections, 6336 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-6336. **Payment is due August 30.**

Thank you for collaborating with us to offer powerful, integrated digital learning tools to improve learning opportunities for all students and educators across North Carolina. We hope to see 100 percent district opt-in as last year. If you have questions concerning the opt-in process, please contact Yolanda Wilson, Home Base Opt-in Administrator, at (919) 807-3485 or yolanda.wilson@dpi.nc.gov. You may also visit our [Home Base Opt-in FAQs](#) for additional information.

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