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## DSL Becomes DASL

**DSL is now called DASL (Data Analysis for Student Learning).**



Over this past year several features have been added to the DASL system, such as the SWAN grade and attendance entry system. We are also working on adding the ability to graph and analyze off year testing results for Stanford-9, OOPT, and ITBS tests. Another feature buildings may want to check out in the Fall is a course request module to allow students to make pre-scheduling course requests through a web-based course request screen.

Three new features will be available very soon - hopefully this Fall. The first new feature is *item analysis*. DASL will soon allow districts to load your item analysis data, which is an aggregated summary of how your students answered the specific questions on each proficiency test. This feature will allow you to look at results for each test question and make possible determinations on how to improve performance. In addition to item analysis, we will be adding *two additional off year tests*: the McGraw-Hill Terra Nova and OPBA tests.

Finally, we have good news regarding our DASL-Plus project, which is the conversion of our McSIS (Campus America) student data software system to the DASL web interface. The key to a good student data software package is the scheduler, and the scheduler may well be the most difficult component to convert. After several months of work, software developers are reporting success in the scheduler conversion project. The scheduler functionality is nearly complete and the developers are beginning a period of heavy testing and tuning of this new software. We will keep you informed as we move forward with the development of our new student data software.

Visit our DASL website at: <http://www2.mveca.org/dsl>



## WE ARE WATCHING HB 482.

It is a "Non-Compete" legislation that would prohibit governmental entities from providing technological services that are available from private businesses or industry. How would this legislation impact such programs offered by INFOhio, OECN, and SchoolNet? Under HB 482, collaborative efforts to provide low cost technological services (such as your DA site provides) might be disallowed. It is still unclear who the provisions of this Bill would benefit/limit and how its passage would affect MVECA. Hearings on this bill are taking place this month. You can read the bill as introduced at [www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=124\\_HB\\_482](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=124_HB_482).

## EMIS News by Laura Gallogly



June reporting is our biggest reporting cycle of the year. I realize that it is the busiest time of year but there are many new updates and changes to EMIS reporting for this year and next. Discipline and Gifted data are two areas in June reporting that are critical this year. LOEO (Legislative Office Education Oversight) will be collecting and reviewing your gifted data from ODE for review. Please make sure it is accurate. They will be looking at the data to see if the gifted programs in Ohio are "earning their money".

Due to ESEA (No Child Left Behind), discipline reporting will be sent to the federal government for review. They will be using this data to rate the schools according to the ESEA guidelines for unsafe buildings. If your building is ruled unsafe, then your parents will have a choice about where they would like to send their children. For information on ESEA, please see: <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OESE/esea/>.

Summer School reporting cycle J has been eliminated. You will still be reporting the program information, but it will all be done in the October reporting cycle. More information on this at the October reporting requirements meeting in the fall.

**SSID Update:** Everyone has worked very hard to get their data up to date and as clean as they can. During the time period of May 15, 2002 through June 14, 2002 I will send your data to PWC and they will run it through their error-checking and de-duplication process. They will send me results back for each district/building with possible errors for you to correct. During the error-checking period, no SSID assignment will take place. Once we get the data as clean as we can, before June 14, 2002, I will create a file for them that will be used for the SSID creation. Once I send the file to PWC for SSID assignment, they will assign id numbers to each student in your building and send us the file back. We will then load the information into the SSID and SAID screens within SIS. Not all users will have access to the SSID screen within SIS. SSID is where the SSID number will be stored and displayed. SAID will contain the additional needed demographic information that isn't on STUD.

### Important EMIS Dates:

May 24, 2002 – Last processing for EMIS 02K data  
May 31, 2002 – Last processing for EMIS 02D data  
June 21, 2002 – First processing for EMIS 02N data  
June 28, 2002 – EMIS 02N data due to ODE  
July 10 – August 1 – ½ day training at PWC begin



### Other Important Dates

May 27 *MVECA offices closed- Memorial Day*  
May 30 EIS Training for Treasurers - 9:00-2:00  
May 31 EIS Training for Treasurers - 9:00-2:00  
June 6 Fiscal Year End Meeting 9:30 -12  
June 12 MVECA Board Meeting 8:30 a.m.  
June 21 MVECA Equipment Maint. Agreements due  
June 21 Administrator Training in DASL & SWAN at MVECA  
June 28 SchoolNet BETA surveys/ONENet applic. due  
July 4 *MVECA offices closed- Independence Day*  
July 10 Deadline for submitting OEDIR information  
July 26 MVECA invoices sent to districts  
Aug. 12-15 IVDL Summer Institute  
Aug. 15 MVECA Board Meeting 8:30 a.m.  
Sept. 2 *MVECA offices closed- Labor Day*  
Sept 17-19 OEDSA Fall Conference

## INFOhio News by Jim Pesch

SIRSI has purchased DRA/MultiLIS and proposes that INFOhio library automation schools migrate to the Sirsi Unicorn Ecole product, a comprehensive library automation software package with graphical interface for all modules - OPAC, cataloging, circulation, reports.

Several INFOhio providers, users, and staff have previewed Ecole, evaluating the software's strengths and weaknesses. The INFOhio Governing Advisory Board approved a plan for transition to Ecole, when all questions and concerns are explored and resolved to their satisfaction.

A state Transition Team has been appointed to investigate all aspects of Ecole. Team subcommittees are investigating equipment, software, compatibility, and other issues. A Transition Steering Committee works to keep all aspects of the transition coordinated. Information on SIRSI and it's effect on MVECA users will be topics of discussion next Fall at Roundtable and Users meetings.



## SIS with Sue by Sue Harvey

Summer cleanups will get under way in July so make sure that you have all your year end tasks completed before leaving for the summer. The highest-grade level in every building is wiped out with the cleanups. You will want to make sure that any student who is retained in those grade levels has their school year on STUD changed to 02/03 to ensure that their data remains in your building. The P310 – Calendar is used in the cleanups so make sure that you have one for school year 02/03 entered in your building. Unpaid fees will be rolled over only if you have requested it, either by signing the Fees Rollover sheet or by sending me an email. Please send me the beginning and ending dates of your grading periods for next year so that I may update your report cards. Many thanks to those who have already sent theirs.

SIS Yearend and Beginning of Year checklists are available. Please let me know if you need one. Summer and Fall training sessions are available and may be scheduled now. Have a great summer!

## FI\$CAL UPDATE by Michelle Powers

That time of year !!! The OEDIR (OHIO EDUCATION DIRECTORY) is due July 12, 2002. The deadline for submitting your OEDIR information to me will be "NOON" July 10th, 2002. Please make all your additions, changes, and corrections and notify me via email when your data is ready to be sent. Send your data to: [powers@mveca.org](mailto:powers@mveca.org).

Lacey Bramlette emailed a letter containing information about submitting and updating your OEDIR. This letter was sent to everyone on May 9th, 2002. Please note that you may view the OEDIR information you submitted to me for your district on the web - AFTER - August 1, 2002 - and can submit changes to them directly UNTIL August 9th, 2002.

Reminder: EIS Training - Thurs, May 30 9:00 a.m.  
EIS Training - Fri., May 31 9:00 a.m.  
Fiscal Year End Meeting - Thurs., June 6 from 9:30-noon

## TECH UPDATE by Thor Sage

### Tech. Update Meetings for 2002-2003 school year

Next school year's quarterly Tech Update Meetings at MVECA are tentatively scheduled for next year:

Friday, September 13, 2002  
Friday, December 6, 2002  
Friday, March 7, 2003  
Friday, May 23, 2003

The MVECA Tech Update Meetings will give technology coordinators and other interested district and ESC personnel and opportunity to get first hand answers to technology related issues and see demonstrations of the newest technologies available to schools. Please mark these dates on your calendars now.

### Proxy configuration for your web-browser

In order to connect to the Internet via a web-browser from within a school located inside the MVECA consortium, you must configure proxy settings on your browser. Here are some quick facts regarding proxy configuration.

- Proxy settings can be manipulated in most versions of Internet Explorer by clicking on Tools/Internet Options/Connections/LAN settings.
- Proxy settings can be manipulated in most versions of Netscape by clicking on Edit/Preferences/Advanced/Proxies.
- It is always best to use the automatic configuration script if possible (some old versions of Internet Explorer do not support automatic configuration). Type the automatic configuration script as follows:

<http://www.mveca.org/www/java-proxy.pac>

- Using the automatic configuration script allows your browser to work more quickly by using the proxy filter only for external addresses.
- If your browser does not support automatic configuration then use the following manual configuration:

Bess-proxy.mveca.org port: 7060

If you have questions about proxy configuration, give us a call or email us and someone will be glad to help.

### Filing for ERate Now a Requirement for Receiving ONenet Funds

The state ONenet planning committee has voted to require districts to apply for E-Rate funding in order to be eligible for continued ONenet funding.

This requirement will become effective in fiscal year 2004 which begins July 1, 2003. In order to be eligible for E-Rate funds in FY04, districts must complete their applications during the fall months of 2002. While the receipt of E-Rate discounts will not be a determining factor for FY04 ONenet applications, in order to be eligible for ONenet connectivity funding, a district must apply for E-Rate within the filing window and demonstrate a reasonable effort to obtain E-Rate discounts. For E-rate information and forms, see <http://www.sl.universalservice.org>

### Remember to Complete the SchoolNet BETA survey -

The BETA surveys are a requirement for participation in Ohio SchoolNet programs, including SchoolNet Plus Round 5 and ONenet funds. The deadline for online completion of the BETA surveys is Friday, June 28, 2002.



### TRAINING TUESDAYS - SOMETHING NEW!

Training Tuesday sessions are video-conferencing trainings that are available to you - some are webcast and many are available right on your own desk. Training

Tuesday sessions are held on Tuesday mornings from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. A complete schedule of dates and additional information on upcoming **Training Tuesdays** events can be found at the MCOECN web site at <http://www.mcoecn.org/> using the **Training Tuesdays** link. To participate in any of these scheduled events, please contact Bill or Thor at MVECA for more information.

**May 29**

*Microsoft Licensing (Wed. broadcast)*

**June 18**

*Thin Client Architecture*

**July 9**

*Interactive Learning Applications*

*Used in Today's Schools*

**July 23**

*VPN Overview and Network*

*Considerations*

**August 13**

*Interactive Learning and its Role in your School District*

### AWARENESS MEETING FOR ADMINISTRATORS - JUNE 21 from 12-3:30 at MVECA

*Would you like a user-friendly tool to analyze proficiency data that's free, easy to use, and available right now?*

We will demonstrate DASL (Data Analysis for Student Learning - formerly DSL) and show you the latest enhancements.

*Would you like the ability to eliminate attendance cards from the classroom to the office and automate your attendance, also free of charge and available now?* SWAN (SIS Web Attendance) is a web-based product available through MVECA that allows teachers to take attendance from their desk.

SEE ENCLOSED FLYER OR CONTACT MVECA FOR MORE DETAILS AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION

## **DISTANCE LEARNING** by Bill Schroeder

Clark and Greene Counties will hold their first IVDL Summer Institute on August 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 2002. The IVDL Summer Institute, held at MVECA, is a four-day workshop focusing on the implementation of interactive video into the curriculum. The conference will include content providers, best practices, research techniques, hands on practice on home district videoconferencing units (One day of the conference will be in-district exercises), peer collaboration, research and lesson planning. Participating teachers will agree to plan and implement four distance learning units throughout the 2002-2003 school year. This will be supported by two full day follow-up sessions during the school year. To participate, districts need to send a minimum of one team consisting of three teachers, each from a separate subject area. The cost to attend is \$1,500 per team. Two quarter hour credits will be available through Wright State University and The McGregor School of Antioch University. Online registration is available through the MVECA website at [www.mveca.org](http://www.mveca.org). Click on the distance learning link, and then click on the registration link. For questions, please contact Bill Schroeder at [schroeder@mveca.org](mailto:schroeder@mveca.org) or 937.767.1468.

**Get your Team together and SIGN UP NOW!**

## **Model School Programs Utilizing Students to Assist with Technology**



Thirty innovative school districts are utilizing students in grades 5-12 for technical support. These districts have been participating in the (ASSIST) project for the past year. The SchoolNet ASSIST project was developed to identify and collect field proven processes from districts that use students to augment existing technical staff within the district. The 30 districts who received May 2001 grants agreed to contribute to the Ohio SchoolNet web-based resource, so that other districts may choose to implement any one of the models most appropriate and feasible to meet their needs. You can visit Ohio SchoolNet website at: <http://www.ohioschoolnet.k12.oh.us>.

### **Special Apple Pricing**



In collaboration with Apple Computer the MCOECN VAR has arranged for special pricing on a limited series of Apple Computer iMac and eMac systems. These systems all qualify as video-editing workstations (with built-in iMovie support), and are acceptable uses of the non-public State subsidy funding being received by DA-Sites on behalf of non-public schools served. You can find this special pricing announcement on the MCOECN VAR web-site at the following URL: <http://www.mcoecn.org/var.html>. Take the "Apple Computer - MCOECN Specials" link which will provide part numbers, product descriptions, special pricing, and important order instructions for those districts interested.

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*"Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Willing is not enough; we must do."* Goethe



# ADMINISTRATORS

Would you like access to **FREE SOFTWARE** that will:

- ✓ *analyze proficiency data in a quick,easy to use format?*

DASL is a web-based product available through MVECA that contains data from SIS, EMIS, and NCS proficiency test results. The database is updated each night and gives users the ability to easily analyze proficiency results in a multitude of ways.

- ✓ *automate your attendance and eliminate attendance cards from the classroom to the office ?*

SWAN (SIS Web Attendance) is a web-based product available through MVECA that allows teachers to take attendance at their desk. The teachers enter attendance and then a building representative loads the information directly into SIS attendance module. The only updating that would take place in the office would be for students who signed in, early dismissals and the updating of notes, etc. the following day.



**WHAT:** DASL and SWAN Awareness Meeting 😊

**WHEN:** Friday, June 21, 2002 from 12:00-3:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** at MVECA in the Commons

**DID YOU SAY FREE LUNCH??** Yes, MVECA will buy your lunch! Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon. The DASL and SWAN presentations will follow.



**WHY:** ⌚ Plan NOW for next year if you want to use these programs.

**TO REGISTER:** If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Sue Ann Welsh ([welsh@mveca.org](mailto:welsh@mveca.org)) 🖥 or 767-1468 ☎ by Friday, June 14, 2002. If you cannot make the meeting on June 21<sup>st</sup> but you are interested in these programs, contact someone at MVECA. We may set up another awareness session in the Fall. Administrators may want to bring or send another staff member you feel might benefit from these presentations. There is no cost to attend.

