

We are pleased to provide the following updates to Nova Scotia's provincial Student Information System:

PowerSchool

1. New User Interface

After the PowerSchool update in July 2024, logging into PowerSchool Administrator will reveal a new user interface and added functionality, making daily tasks more efficient and user-friendly. These enhancements can be summarized as follows:

- I. Improved navigation structure - the left navigation menu has been redesigned and re-organized from text links to a streamlined and categorized menu.
- II. Quick Search - Quick Search searches across the entire system, whether searching for students, staffs, contacts, or PowerSchool pages.
- III. Favourites – this feature enables the saving, categorizing, and organizing of frequently visited PowerSchool pages.

To learn more about these enhancements, watch this short [video](#).

As well, some page names have been updated to better describe and reflect the content of the page, so if using Quick Search to quickly find a PowerSchool page, it might not always yield the expected results. Refer to this [crosswalk Excel document](#) that lists all PowerSchool pages with their name and location in the former interface versus their name and location in the current and enhanced interface.

User guides on the iNSchool website have also been updated to reflect the new page names and navigation in the current user interface.

2. Automated Email Notification for Incidents Tracking Records Created in PowerTeacher

PowerTeacher will automatically notify the school's administrator(s) when a teacher submits an unacceptable student behaviour incident in PowerTeacher. Teachers no longer need an alternative method to notify their administrator(s) of reported incidents. If submitting incidents from PowerSchool Administrator, these reported incidents will still notify the administration.

3. Provincial Student ID Registry (SIR) Integration with PowerSchool when Enrolling a New Student

The integration of the Student Registry with PowerSchool allows users to search for and create provincial student numbers directly within PowerSchool, eliminating the need to log into SIR website. This enhancement streamlines the enrollment process, prevents duplicate records, and helps ensure accurate and synchronized student data across systems. Users can now view detailed student record information and manage student transfers more efficiently when getting ready to enroll new students in PowerSchool. Additionally, updates to key student fields in PowerSchool are automatically reflected in the registry, maintaining data consistency. To learn more about these enhancements, watch this short [video](#).

4. PowerTeacher Pro: Bulk Comments

- I. **Add Bulk Comments to Assessments** – teachers will now find bulk comment functionality available for assessments on the Scoresheet and Assignments List pages. This feature allows for quickly adding comments to multiple students based on their selection. To learn more about this feature, click [here](#).
- II. **Add Bulk Comments to Report Cards** - teachers can now add the same report card comment to multiple students simultaneously. The steps vary based on the course grade level, so grade P-6 teachers can click [here](#) to learn more about bulk comments, while grade 7-12 teachers can click [here](#) for more information.

5. PowerTeacher Pro: View Report Card Comments for Grade P-6 Teachers

Grade P-6 teachers can now quickly view report card comments directly in PowerTeacher Pro. This feature is available on the Outcomes grades page as well as the Outcomes Progress page for students. To learn more about this feature, click [here](#). For teachers who used the **View My Comments (P-6)** report in PowerTeacher, this report remains available and offers additional checks that the new PT Pro functionality cannot provide. Teachers are encouraged to continue using the View My Comments report when ready to complete the final review of their report card comments.

TIENET

1. New Documents and User Guides: School Health Partnership (SHP)

This September we are introducing 4 NEW School Health Partnership documents and related User Guides. These documents can be found under the under the “**Health - School/Board/RCE Documents**” category:

School Health Partnership (SHP) Program Consent Form and FAQs: Staff will now use the new *School Health Partnership (SHP) Program Consent Form* document and **must obtain consent prior to completing a SHP referral**. **Please refer to the relevant User Guide for detailed information.*

Referral for School Health Partnership (SHP) Nursing: Staff will now refer students to SHP Nursing services using the new *Referral for School Health Partnership (SHP) Nursing* document. **Please refer to the relevant User Guide for detailed information.*

Student Insulin Plans: The Student Insulin Plan (SIP) now exists as a single document to store any of the three SIP plans received from the parent/guardian. Insulin Plans are student-specific documents that outline how the student’s insulin dose is calculated. SHP Nurses will work with parents/guardians or students (if appropriate) and health care providers to determine which plan will be used for the student. **Please refer to the relevant User Guide for detailed information.*

SHP Nursing Communications (formerly called *Nursing Progress Notes*): This is a document where SHP Nurses provide additional relevant information and updates for school staff to support the student's health care condition while at school. **Please refer to the relevant User Guide for detailed information.*

***It is Important to Note that all *NEW* and Existing User Guides can be found on the iNSchool website at <https://www.ednet.ns.ca/inschool/>
These guides are designed to inform and support users in their understanding of the required processes and functionalities of each document in TIENET.**

2. TIENET Role Names

Many of TIENET's role names were outdated so they have been updated to reflect current terminology.

3. TIENET Font Size

For accessibility reasons, the font has been increased to 11-point font.

4. Label Auto-Populated when Referral for Service Saved

When a *Referral for Service* document is created for a student, the document's label will now pre-populate with the service name (e.g. Assistive Technology Services) if a label is not already entered by the staff member. This makes the various *Referral for Service* documents easier to distinguish in a student's document library.

5. SchoolsPlus Referral Form

The SchoolsPlus referral form has been renamed from "Referral Form" to "SchoolsPlus Referral Form".

SchoolsPlus Facilitators, School Administrators, and School Counsellors should refer to the "[Appendix - SchoolsPlus TIENET Updates.pdf](#)" for more information on the referral form updates.

Some school staff have been incorrectly using the *Referral for Services* document to refer students to SchoolsPlus by putting the referral under "Other – SchoolsPlus".

School Administrators and School Counsellors have access to the correct *SchoolsPlus Referral Form* to submit referrals to SchoolsPlus.

School staff should contact one of these roles to make a referral to SchoolsPlus. Alternatively, students and families can self-refer directly to the SP Facilitator.