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ASCENDER Release 11

ASCENDER 11.0400

Release Date:12/04/25 ASCENDER Update: 11.0400

District Administration > Maintenance > Non-Employee

Corrected the program to properly handle end date updates to the **TSDS Days Employed Set** during the scheduled 6pm Employment Days processing when the option to **Extract for TSDS** is selected for terminated employees or non-employees with ended contracts:

- If the record being updated has no changes to the **Percent Day Employed** or **TSDS # Days Employed**, only the **End Date** will be updated will be with the computer date. A new record will not be inserted.
- If changes are made to the **Percent Day Employed** or **TSDS # Days Employed**, the **End Date** on the original record is updated, a new record is inserted (begin/end dates are computer dates), and the new **Percent Day Employed** and **TSDS # Days Employed** is populated. (difference from before end date is now also populated because termed emp).

Note: These changes are also effective for the Personnel > Maintenance > Employment Info tab.

District Administration > Inquiry > TSDS Level 1 Errors

EXCHANGE CLIENTS ONLY: Added the *Student Grade* domain to the TSDS Level 1 Errors Report.

TSDS Updates

Staff Extract

Corrected the issue that caused orphan Paraprofessional Certification and TIA Allotment records. Also, corrected -6 errors and duplicate staff record issues in the staging table that prevented staff records from being extracted and caused "Staff not found" errors for staff members with multiple Paraprofessional Certification or TIA Allotment entries.

Fatal: 30040-0057

Corrected the issue that prevented the staging table from capturing PK Teacher Requirement changes made to the Personnel > Maintenance > Staff Demo > Credentials tab in ASCENDER.

Update to the *AsOfStatusLastFridayOctober* code

Modified the extract to correctly update the *AsOfStatusLastFridayOctober* code when a student is withdrawn.

Prior Release Notes for ASCENDER 11

Update: 11.0310

ASCENDER 11.0310

Release Date:11/21/25 **ASCENDER Update:** 11.0310

District Administration > Options > TSDS > Domains & Entities

Updated the page to add an asterisk (*) next to options that are *Data Beyond TSDS Domains/Entities*.

NOTE: Asterisks and footnotes will only display for Exchange clients only.

Second Level Submission

Student Identification and Demographic Domain

- Student
- Parent
- StudentParentAssociation
- StudentEducationOrganizationAssociation

Enrollment Domain

- StudentSchoolAssociation
- StudentEducationOrganizationResponsibilityAssociation
- GraduationPlan***

Staff Domain

- Staff
- StaffEducationOrganizationAssignmentAssociation
- StaffEducationOrganizationEmploymentAssociation
- StaffSchoolAssociation

Third Level Submission

Finance Domain

- PriorYearActualExt (TX)
- BudgetExt (TX)
- SharedServiceArrangementExt (TX)
- PayrollExt (TX)
- ContractedInstructionalStaffFTEExt (TX)

Alternative and Supplemental Services Domain

- Program
- StudentCTEProgramAssociation
- StudentTitlePartAProgramAssociation
- StudentSpecialEducationProgramAssociation
- StudentLanguageInstructionProgramAssociation

Prior Year Leaver Domain

- PriorYearLeaver (TX)
- PriorYearLeaverParent
- PriorYearLeaverStudentParentAssociation

Student Application Domain

- StudentApplication (TX)

Teaching and Learning Domain

- Course
- CourseOffering
- Section
- StaffSectionAssociation
- StudentSectionAssociation

Student Grade Domain

- Grade*

District Administration > Maintenance > Non-Employee > TSDS

Modified the stored procedure for updating the employment status of a non-employee. The procedure should mirror Personnel > Maintenance > Employment Info.

District Administration > Reports

Corrected reports to ensure appropriate data is displayed based on the LEA county-district numbers and user IDs.

TSDS Updates

-6 Extract Errors

Corrected the issue that caused -6 extract errors to occur due to data in the Ed-Fi delete log.

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Staff Section Extract - NumberOfStudentsInClass

- Updated the extract to calculate the *NumberOfStudentsInClass* as of the snapshot date.
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Economic Disadvantage Date Change Issue

- Corrected the issue that caused an invalid record to remain in the staging table when **Economic Disadvantage** dates are changed on Registration > Maintenance > Student Enrollment > Demo1.
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PK Elig Previous Year

- Corrected the issue when the **PK Elig Prev Year** is unchecked on Registration > Maintenance > Student Enrollment > PK Enroll, the *StudentCharacteristicDescriptor #11* is not deleted from the staging table.
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Fatal: 20030-0049

- Corrected the issue that prevented the Budget extract from capturing changes made in ASCENDER.
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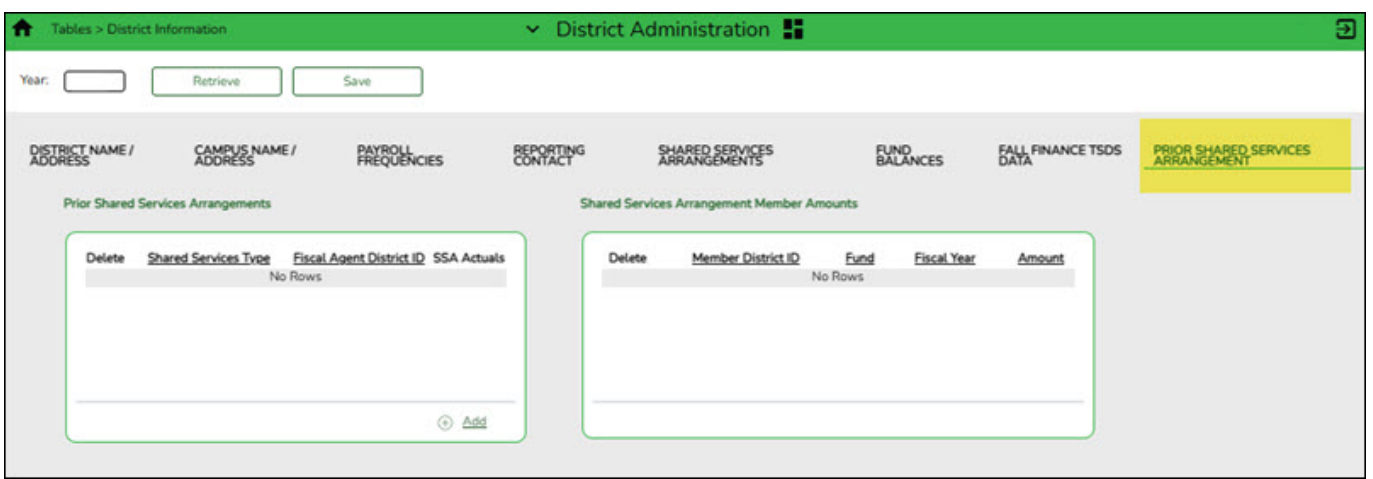
Fatals: 30060-0005 and 30060-0069

- Corrected the issue that prevented Payroll corrections from updating correctly in the staging table.
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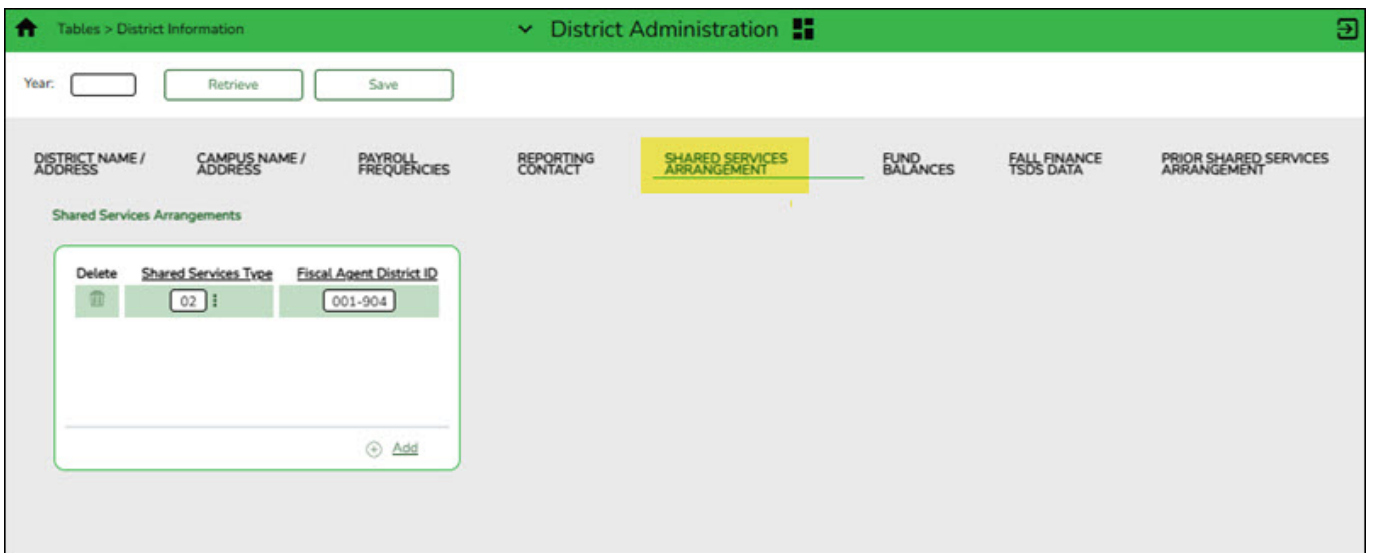
TSDS Change Log 2026.1.1 Update: Shared Services Arrangement

TSDS Change Log 2026.1.1 added a new table/data element, *PriorYearSSAOrgAssociationExt* (C049A), to allow for the reporting of Prior Year SSA Type. This new table will be reported during the PEIMS Mid-Year (Actuals) Submission. The existing table/data element, *SSAOrgAssociationExt* (C049), will continue to be reported in the PEIMS Fall Submission. The following updates were made to support this change:

- Added new tab, District Administration > Tables > District Information > Prior Shared Services Arrangement, to report prior year SSA financial reporting during the PEIMS Mid-Year Submission.



Updated the existing District Administration > Tables > District Information > Shared Services Arrangement tab to only display Shared Services Arrangements as this is the only information reported during the PEIMS Fall Submission.



Added to the applicable TSDS extracts.

Student Language Instruction Program Association

Corrected the issue that caused the program to update the **Language Instruction Program Service** with the removed and now invalid Bilingual, ESL and Alternative Language Program Type Codes.

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District Administration > Tables > District Information > Fall Finance TSDS Data

Corrected the program to only display data from the year specified in the **Year** field. Previously, the page displayed prior year data.

District Administration > Maintenance > Non-Employee

Added the **TRA Years Experience** section with the following fields to align with TSDS Web-Enabled Data Standards:

- **TRA Teaching Experience** (YearsTRATeachingExperience (E3129)) - Indicates the number of verifiable years of teaching experience as a classroom teacher as described in TEC §48.158.
- **TRA Eligibility** (LEADeterminedTRAEligibility (E3130)) - Indicates the local education agency (LEA) has determined the teacher (StaffClassification is 087) is employed by a school system and teaches not less than an average of four hours each day, in an academic instructional setting or a career and technology educational setting.

Maintenance > Non-Employee District Administration

Save

NON-EMPLOYEE TSDS

Employee Nbr: Name:

Name

Employee Nbr: Name:

Title First Middle Last Generation

Work E-mail

Job Code:

Highly Qualified:

Local Use

1:

2:

TRA Years Experience

TRA Teaching Experience:

TRA Eligibility:

Instructional Staff

SSN: TX Unique Staff ID:

Sex: TSDS Staff Type:

Date of Birth:

Races

Hispanic: American Indian: Asian: Black: Pacific Islander: White:

Days Employed: Begin Date:

Total Years: End Date:

District Years: Extract for TSDS:

Percent of Day: Prior Teaching Years:

Highest Degree:

Modified the program so that when changes are made to the following key fields in a responsibility record, the original record is deleted and a new record is inserted to reflect the change. This will assist the with data management required for TSDS staging tables.

- **Campus**
- **Role ID**
- **Begin Date**

TSDS Extract

Added the following fields to the 2026 Staff extract and view to align with TSDS Web-Enabled Data Standards:

- **TRA Teaching Experience** (YearsTRATeachingExperience (E3129)) - Indicates the number of verifiable years of teaching experience as a classroom teacher as described in TEC §48.158.
- **TRA Eligibility** (LEADeterminedTRAEligibility (E3130)) - Indicates the local education agency (LEA) has determined the teacher (StaffClassification is 087) is employed by a school system and teaches not less than an average of four hours each day, in an academic instructional setting or a career and technology educational setting.

Update: [11.0211](#)

ASCENDER 11.0211

Release Date:10/23/25 **ASCENDER Update:** 11.0211

District Administration > Options > TSDS > Connection

Modified the program to disable the **API URL, Key,** and **Secret** fields for Exchange clients when the migration flag is set to Y and the URL contains "Exchange". If a connection to the EODS cannot be established, the fields will remain disabled, and an error message will be displayed instructing users to contact the Exchange or their ESC for assistance.

Update: [11.0210](#)

ASCENDER 11.0210

Release Date:10/16/25 **ASCENDER Update:** 11.0210

District Administration > Maintenance > Non-Employee > TSDS

- Added the **Staff Service** column to the **Responsibility** grid.
- Added validation to the **Monthly Minutes** field to default to 00000 if left blank.
- Added validation to the **# of Students** field to default to 0 if left blank.

Maintenance > Non-Employee District Administration

Save

NON-EMPLOYEE TSDS

Employee Nbr: 001280 Name: Retrieve Directory

TSDS Days Employed Set

| Percent Day Employed | TSOS # Days Employed | Begin Date | End Date |
|----------------------|----------------------|------------|----------|
| 100 | 187 | 10-13-2025 | |

First 1 / 1 Last

Responsibility

| Delete | Details | Year | Campus | Staff Classification | Staff Service |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|------|------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2026 | 001 - 001 School | 002 - Art Therapist | SA000003 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2026 | 001 - 001 School | 002 - Art Therapist | SA000004 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2026 | 999 - 999 School | 000 - Other | |

School Year for PEIMS Codes: 2026
 Job Code:
 Campus: 001 001 School
 Co-op/SSA LEA:
 Staff Classification: 002 - Art Therapist
 ESC/SSA: School District Employee

Staff Service: SA000003 - Instructional Educational Aide
 SPED Student Age Range:
 Pop Served: 01 Regular Students
 Monthly Minutes: 00000
 # of Students: 0
 Begin Date: --
 End Date: --

TSDS Updates

Modified the TSDS extract to allow multiple responsibility records to be extracted (as defined on the Responsibility tab). However, a known issue may cause -6 errors during extraction if records are submitted and then changes are made to the **Campus**, **Staff Classification**, and/or **Begin Date**.

TEA Entity Change

Added the *AdultPreviousAttendanceSet* Common Type to the *StudentEducationOrganizationAssociation* Entity.
This will no longer be reported as a Student Characteristic.

2026.2.1 Updates

Made changes to the following Extracts and APIs:

- StudentAcademicRecord.IBCBackgroundCheckCost
- LocalEducationAgency.LEAGrievanceLink
- StudentEducationOrganization.AdultPreviousAttendanceSet
- StudentEducationOrganizationAssociation.FullTimeHybridVirtualProgramParticipationSet

Update: 11.0202

ASCENDER 11.0202

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District Administration > Options > TSDS

Previously, due to TEA's removal of certain Descriptor values and the Exchange requiring time to align with the new SDK, the following processes were temporarily disabled. Now that the Exchange has completed its updates and is ready to receive data again, the following processes have been re-enabled:

- Domains and Entities page (2025 and 2026 submission years)
- **Move to Exchange** and **Reset Exchange Credentials** buttons
- Nightly TSDS extracts and API submissions
- Weekend TSDS API submissions

[Update: 11.0200](#)

ASCENDER 11.0200

Release Date: 10/2/25 **ASCENDER Update:** 11.0200

District Administration > Options > TSDS

Due to TEA's removal of certain Descriptor values and the Exchange requiring time to align with the new SDK, the following are temporarily disabled:

- Domains and Entities page (all school years)
- **Move to Exchange** and **Retrieve Exchange Credentials** buttons
- Nightly TSDS extracts and API submissions
- Weekend TSDS API submissions

District Administration > Reports > User Profile Report

Corrected the program error that occurred when running the report. Also, corrected the issue where the user directory appeared blank after clicking the ellipsis button. Additionally, a message is now displayed if no accounts are assigned to the user's profile for the selected applications.

TSDS Updates

Parent Entity

- Corrected an issue that was preventing the entity from extracting correctly.

Update: [11.0110](#)

ASCENDER 11.0110

Release Date: 9/18/25 **ASCENDER Update:** 11.0110

District Administration

- Disabled the automatic nightly TSDS Extract/Send process for prior school years effective the day after the fourth Thursday in August. To generate or send data for a prior school year, use the District Administration > Options > TSDS > Domains & Entities tab.

Note: Users with security access to District Administration > Options > TSDS will see a notification in ASCENDER News on the Homepage starting 30 days before the process ends.

Update: [11.0100](#)

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District Administration > Options > TSDS > Options

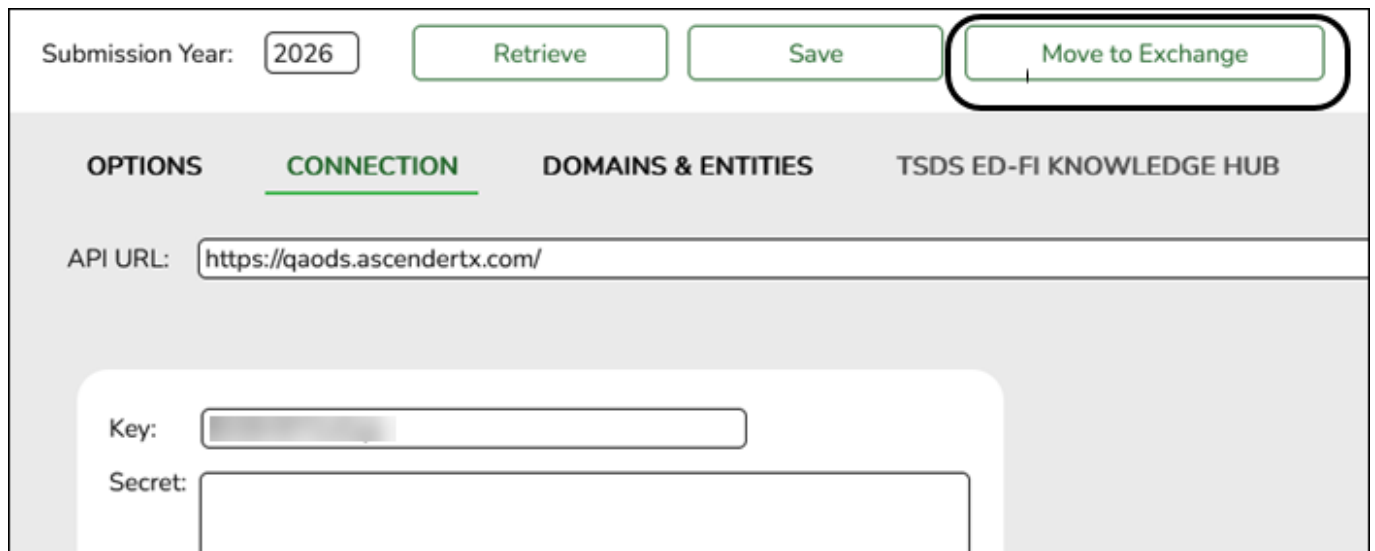
- Removed email validation from the page, allowing users to choose whether or not to provide an email address to receive TSDS reports via email.

Note: If no email address is provided under **Personnel/Payroll Extract Distribution List**, reports for employees with more than 365 days employed or with zero days employed will not be emailed.

However, this information will now be included in the TSDS Extract Errors Report (**Extract Errors Reprint** button) on the TSDS Level 1 Errors page.

District Administration > Options > TSDS > Connection

Modified the page so the **Move to Exchange** button is visible and active for non-Exchange clients and the **Reset Exchange Credentials** button is visible and active for existing Exchange clients.



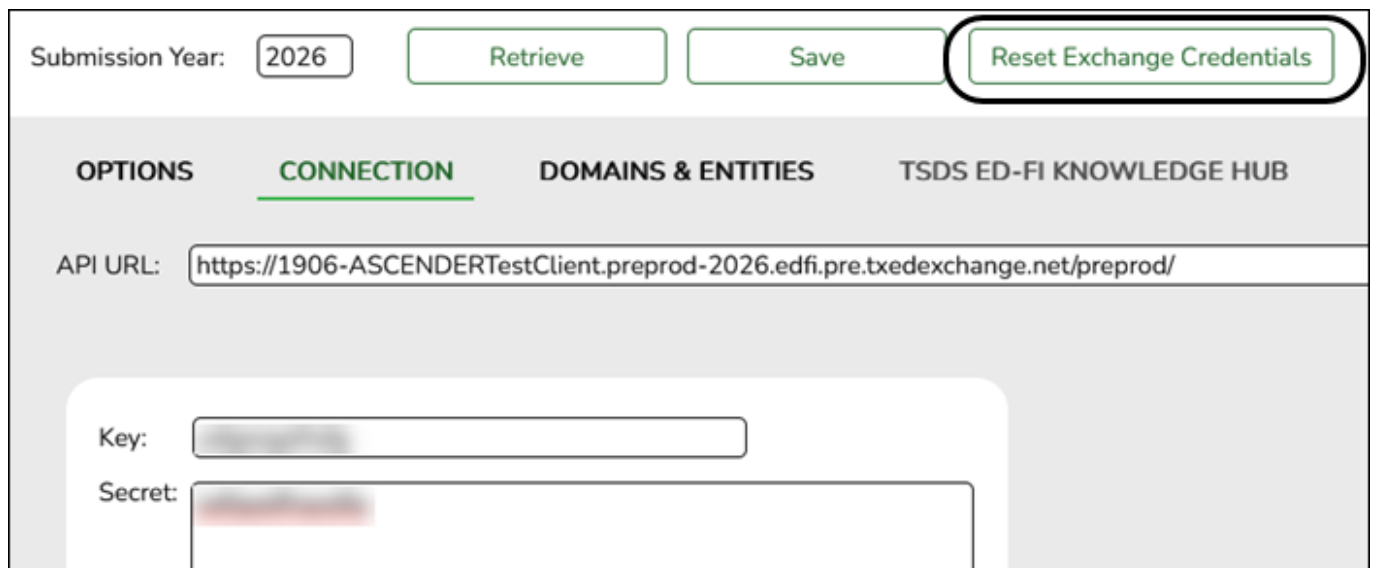
Submission Year:

OPTIONS CONNECTION DOMAINS & ENTITIES TSDS ED-FI KNOWLEDGE HUB

API URL:

Key:

Secret:



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District Administration > Options > TSDS > Domains & Entities

Enabled the page for school years 2025 and 2026.

Disabled the checkbox for **Student Academic Record Domain** (for 2026 only).

Modified the page to move the **Prior Year Leaver Domain** and **Student Application Domain** to the **Second Level Submission** section effective school year 2026.

District Administration > Maintenance > Non-Employee

Modified the **TSDS Unique ID** button located on this page and the Personnel > Maintenance > Staff Demo page to use the long name fields. Also, modified the Unique ID export file on the Personnel > Utilities > Texas Unique Staff ID Interface > Staff ID Export page to use the long name fields.

District Administration > Inquiry > TSDS Level 1 Errors

Modified the **School Year** drop-down menu to show the latest available school year as the first option and **ALL** as the last option.

Updated the TSDS Extract Errors Report (**Extract Errors Reprint** button) to include employees

who are reported with more than 365 days employed or with zero days employed. This change is helpful for those users who have opted out of receiving TSDS emails by not providing an email address on the District Administration > Options > TSDS > Options tab.

TSDS Updates

NumberCharterStudentsEnrolled Extract

Modified the extract to calculate *NumberCharterStudentsEnrolled* as of the last Friday in September.



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