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# **ASCENDER Administration Release Notes**

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## ASCENDER Release 11

### ASCENDER 11.0405

Release Date:12/12/25 ASCENDER Update: 11.0405

#### District Admin > Inquiry > TSDS Level 1 Errors

##### EXCHANGE-ONLY ENTITIES

- Updated the program to add an indicator for Exchange Only entities on the *Level 1 Errors Domains/Entities Screen Error List*.
- Updated the reports to add an indicator on each report error to indicate Exchange Only entities.

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#### TSDS Updates

##### BIL/ESL Program Reporting Period Attendance

- Updated the program to extract Bil/ESL Attendance from new tables for sy 2026 and beyond.

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##### PriorYearLeaver Language

- Modified the descriptor language on *PriorYearLeaverLanguage* in order to prevent some user's from receiving a Level 1 Error.

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#### Level 1 Errors

- Corrected an issue with the extract so it will not create sessions for summer school when there were no students enrolled.

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- Corrected an issue that caused errors related to duplicate records for non-employees.
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### **Student Academic Record Extract**

- Modified the Student Academic Record extract so it will not trigger a Special Warning 40110-0226 for users when IBC records are extracted.
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### **Graduation Plan Changes: Exchange Clients Only**

- Modified the Graduation Plan extract to prevent errors when invalid course Service IDs are extracted.
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### **Staff Section Extract Update**

- Modified the program so the Staff Section Extract will report a zero value for Assistant Teachers.
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### **Special Ed Extract**

- Corrected the issue with the extract that caused student records to only extract the re-enrolled record when they are enrolled in a special ed program.
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## **Prior Release Notes for ASCENDER 11**

[Update: 11.0400](#)

### **ASCENDER 11.0400**

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

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## 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.

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## District Administration > Inquiry > TSDS Level 1 Errors

- EXCHANGE CLIENTS ONLY:** Added the *Student Grade* domain to the TSDS Level 1 Errors Report.
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## 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.
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### 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.
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## Update to the *AsOfStatusLastFridayOctober* code

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

withdrawn.

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

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**Third Level Submission**

**Finance Domain**

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

**Alternative and Supplemental Services Domain**

- Program
- StudentCTEProgramAssociation
- StudentTitleIPartAProgramAssociation
- 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

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

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## District Administration > Reports

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

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## 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.

## 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.

The screenshot displays the 'District Administration' interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Tables > District Information' and 'District Administration'. Below the navigation bar, there is a search area with a 'Year' input field, 'Retrieve', and 'Save' buttons. The main content area is divided into two sections: 'Prior Shared Services Arrangements' and 'Shared Services Arrangement Member Amounts'. The 'Prior Shared Services Arrangements' section has a table with columns: Delete, Shared Services Type, Fiscal Agent District ID, and SSA Actuals. The table is currently empty, showing 'No Rows'. The 'Shared Services Arrangement Member Amounts' section has a table with columns: Delete, Member District ID, Fund, Fiscal Year, and Amount. This table is also empty, showing 'No Rows'. A yellow highlight is visible on the 'PRIOR SHARED SERVICES ARRANGEMENT' tab in the navigation bar.

- 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.

The screenshot shows the 'District Administration' interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Tables > District Information' and 'District Administration'. Below this, there are input fields for 'Year', 'Retrieve', and 'Save'. A menu of options is displayed, with 'SHARED SERVICES ARRANGEMENT' highlighted in yellow. Below the menu, a table titled 'Shared Services Arrangements' is shown. The table has columns for 'Delete', 'Shared Services Type', and 'Fiscal Agent District ID'. A single row is visible with values '02' and '001-904'. An 'Add' button is located at the bottom right of the table.

- 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.

Update: 11.0300

## ASCENDER 11.0300

Release Date: 11/6/25 ASCENDER Update: 11.0300

## 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: 018952 | Name: AARON, ABCDE | Retrieve | Directory

Name

Employee Nbr: 018952 | Name: ABCDE | AARON

Title | First | Middle | Last | Generation

Work E-mail: [ ]

Job Code: 9999 - UNDEFINED

Highly Qualified:

Local Use

1: INSERTED

2: [ ]

**TRA Years Experience**

TRA Teaching Experience: 0

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: 0 | Begin Date: [ - - ]

Total Years: [ ] | End Date: [ - - ]

District Years: [ ] | Extract for TSDS:

Percent of Day: 0% | Prior Teaching Years: 0

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**

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## 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.

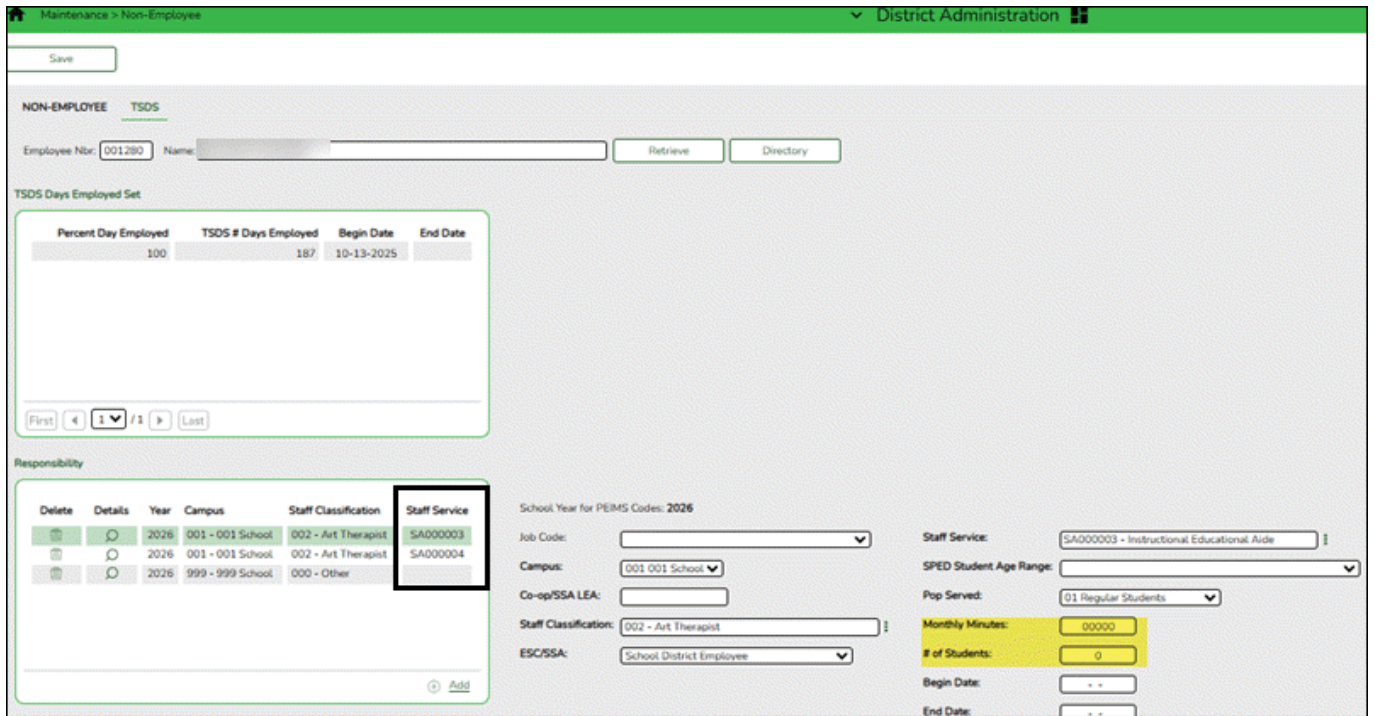
Update: [11.0210](#)

## 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.



## 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

**Release Date:** 10/8/2025 **ASCENDER Update:** 11.0202

### 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

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## 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.

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### 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

## ASCENDER 11.0100

**Release Date:** 9/4/25 **ASCENDER Update:** 11.0100

## 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:

Submission Year:

OPTIONS CONNECTION DOMAINS & ENTITIES TSDS ED-FI KNOWLEDGE HUB

API URL:

Key:

Secret:

## 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.

Submission Year:

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**Second Level Submission**

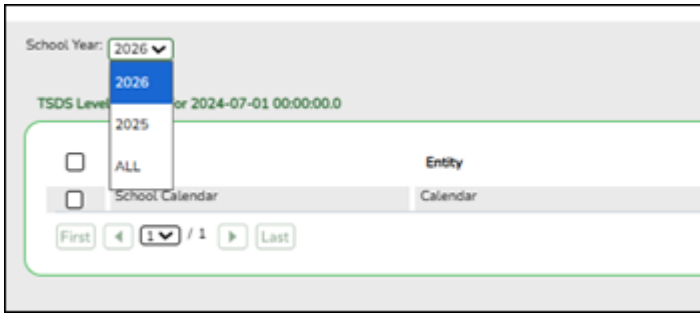
<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Student Application Domain</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• StudentApplication (TX)</li> </ul> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Student Identification and Demographic Domain</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Student</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Parent</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> StudentParentAssociation</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> StudentEducationOrganizationAssociation</li> </ul> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Enrollment Domain</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• StudentSchoolAssociation</li> <li>• StudentEducationOrganizationResponsibilityAssociation</li> </ul>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Staff Domain</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff</li> <li>• StaffEducationOrganizationAssignmentAssociation</li> <li>• StaffEducationOrganizationEmploymentAssociation</li> <li>• StaffSchoolAssociation</li> </ul> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Prior Year Leaver Domain</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PriorYearLeaver (TX)</li> <li>• PriorYearLeaverParent</li> <li>• PriorYearLeaverStudentParentAssociation</li> </ul>
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## 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.

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## TSDS Updates

### NumberCharterStudentsEnrolled Extract

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



## **Back Cover**