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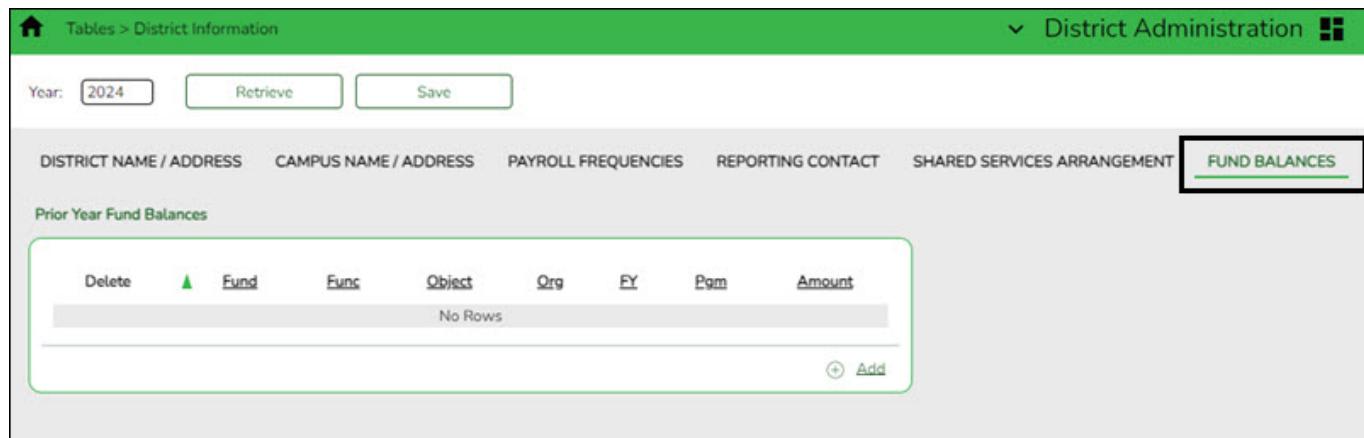
**ASCENDER Release 8**

## ASCENDER 8.0400

**Release Date**: 12/15/2023 **ASCENDER Update**: 8.0400

### District Administration > Tables > District Information > Fund Balances

❑ Added this new tab to manually enter prior year ending fund balances (3XXX) as reflected on schedule C-1 of the audit to be used for the ActualExtension complex type during TSDS Mid-Year reporting.

**IMPORTANT**:

- Pilot LEAs will use this tab to manually enter prior year fund balances (3XXX).
- Non-pilot LEAs will continue to handle prior year fund balances (3XXX) in State Reporting.



### District Administration > Options > Login

❑ Modified the **Password Expiration (in days)** field to only allow values 1-180. Zero is no longer a valid value.

### District Administration > Maintenance > Non-Employee

☐ Added the **TSDS Unique ID** button. This functionality works in conjunction with the Texas Student Data System (TSDS). TSDS uses web services for Unique ID and for the Data Transmission Utility (DTU) allowing ASCENDER to interact directly with their Unique ID application to assign Unique IDs.
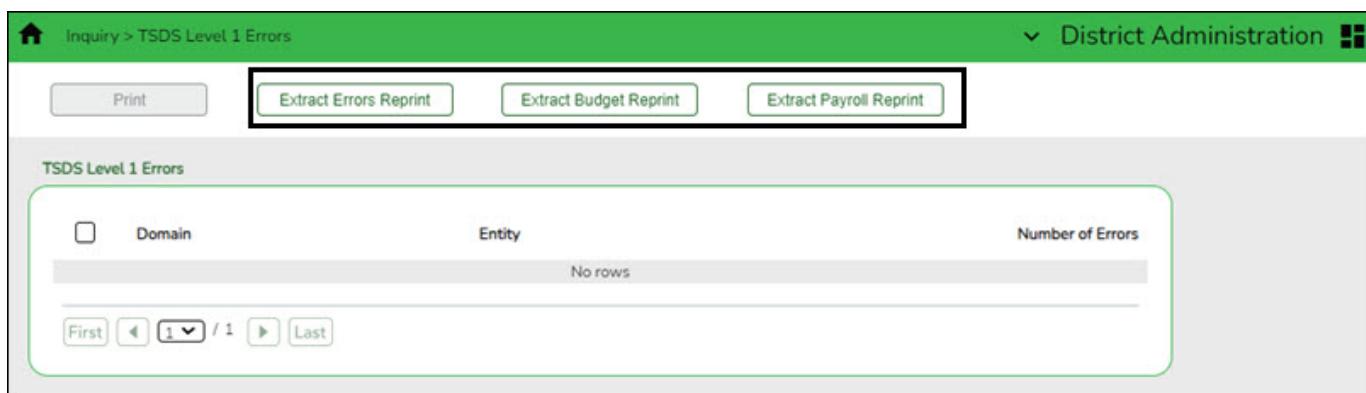
Before the **TSDS Unique ID** button can be used in ASCENDER, the LEA's designated TEAL user must obtain web service access.



## District Administration > Inquiry > TSDS Level 1 Errors

☐ Added the following three buttons to allow the reprint of the extract reports from the last instance of TSDS Processing. These reports are not resent to the TSDS email distribution lists.



- **Extract Errors Reprint** - Reprints the TSDS Extract Errors report.
- **Extract Budget Reprint** - Reprints the TSDS Budget Data Extract report.
- **Extract Payroll Reprint** - Reprints the TSDS Payroll Extract report.

# Prior Release Notes for ASCENDER 8

Update: 8.0305

## ASCENDER 8.0305

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❏ Updated the **EDFI Extract Error** report to only report one day of errors.

❏ Added the county district number to the email subject line of the report.

Update: 8.0200

# ASCENDER 8.0200

> **Release Date**: 10/10/23 **ASCENDER Update**: 8.0200

## District Administration > Options > TSDS > Connection

❏ Modified the program to validate TSDS credentials upon saving the record. If validation is not passed, the record is not saved and the following message is displayed: "Information provided does not validate to TEA."

Update: 8.0100

# ASCENDER 8.0100

> **Release Date**: 9/11/23 **ASCENDER Update**: 8.0100

## District Administration > Tables > LEA News

❏ Added this page to allow LEA personnel to add and manage important news, announcements, or upcoming events, and display them on the ASCENDER Homepage Quick View dashboard. Each news entry includes a start and end date, a summary (topic), and a description. Additionally, if needed, entries can be limited to a specific audience based on their permission to an application and breadcrumb (menu item).

## District Administration > Options > TSDS > Options

☐ Added validation to display a message indicating that at least one email address is required for each distribution list (**Finance Extract Distribution List**, **Personnel/Payroll Extract Distribution List**, **TSDS Extract Errors Distribution List**) if the Connection tab contains information.

## District Administration > Options > TSDS > Connection

☐ Added validation to display a message indicating that at least one email address is required for each distribution list (**Finance Extract Distribution List**, **Personnel/Payroll Extract Distribution List**, **TSDS Extract Errors Distribution List**) on the Options tab if this tab contains information.

## District Administration > Utilities > Annual Student Data Rollover

❏ Updated the program to add Child Care Operation Number tables to the Annual Student Data Rollover (ASDR) process.

❏ Corrected an issue with the program that caused the utility to stop running and give the user an *Execute fail* message.

❏ Corrected an error when performing the **EXECUTE** step that caused the utility to stop and give the user an unexplained error message.

❏ Corrected the issue that caused the ASDR extract to fail when a student has multiple records for the IGC Program (State Reporting > Options *Local Program for IGC Reporting*) on Registration > Maintenance > Student Enrollment Local Programs.

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