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ASCENDER 8.0400

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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.

The screenshot shows the 'District Administration' interface. At the top, there's a green header bar with a home icon, 'Tables > District Information', and a dropdown menu for 'District Administration'. Below this, there's a section for 'Year: 2024' with 'Retrieve' and 'Save' buttons. A horizontal menu contains several tabs: 'DISTRICT NAME / ADDRESS', 'CAMPUS NAME / ADDRESS', 'PAYROLL FREQUENCIES', 'REPORTING CONTACT', 'SHARED SERVICES ARRANGEMENT', and 'FUND BALANCES' (which is highlighted with a black border). Under the 'FUND BALANCES' tab, there's a section titled 'Prior Year Fund Balances'. It contains a table with columns: 'Delete', 'Fund', 'Func', 'Object', 'Org', 'FY', 'Pgm', and 'Amount'. The table currently shows 'No Rows'. There is an 'Add' button at the bottom right of the table area.

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.

The screenshot shows the 'Maintenance > Non-Employee' interface. At the top, there's a 'Texas Unique Staff ID' section with fields for 'User ID' and 'Password', and buttons for 'Search', 'Cancel', and 'Assign New ID'. Below this, the 'NON-EMPLOYEE' section contains fields for 'Employee Nbr' (001440) and 'Name' (AARON, ABCDE), along with buttons for 'Retrieve', 'Directory', 'Add', 'Delete', 'Print', and 'TSDS Unique ID'. A black arrow points to the 'TSDS Unique ID' button.

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.

The screenshot shows the 'Inquiry > TSDS Level 1 Errors' interface. At the top, there's a 'Print' button and three buttons highlighted with a black box: 'Extract Errors Reprint', 'Extract Budget Reprint', and 'Extract Payroll Reprint'. Below these, the 'TSDS Level 1 Errors' section contains a table with columns 'Domain', 'Entity', and 'Number of Errors'. The table is currently empty, showing 'No rows'. At the bottom, there are pagination controls: 'First', '1 / 1', and 'Last'.

- **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.

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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.

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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

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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).

The screenshot shows the ASCENDER District Administration interface. The top navigation bar is green with a home icon, 'Tables > LEA News', and 'District Administration'. The left sidebar lists various modules: PMIS, Receiving Addresses, District Information, Freight Terms, Electronic Signatures, Commodity Codes, District Logos, and LEA News (highlighted). The main content area has 'Add' and 'Save' buttons, a 'Quick View Title' field with 'LEA News', and a table with columns: Delete, Sel, Start Date, End Date, and Summary. The table contains two rows of data for the period 08-01-2023 to 08-16-2023, with summaries 'First Day' and 'More News Coming'. Below the table are pagination controls: First, 1 / 1, and Last.

This screenshot provides a detailed view of the LEA News section. It features three main panels. The top-left panel, titled 'ASCENDER News', lists items like 'Annual Student Data Rollover Survey' and 'Finance August'. The top-right panel, 'Approval Summary', shows '# Pending' and 'ID/Freq' with the message 'No pending approvals'. The bottom panel, 'LEA News', is highlighted with a large black arrow and contains two rows of news items: 'First Day' with the text 'The first day information is here!' and 'More News Coming' with the text 'Here is some more great news!'. A trash icon is visible in the top right of the LEA News panel.

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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