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District Administration > Tables > District Information > Shared Services Arrangement

Renamed the **Shared Services Arrangements Amounts** section to **Shared Services Arrangement Member Amounts** and added the **Member District ID** field.

The screenshot displays the 'Shared Services Arrangement' section in the ASCENDER Administration interface. The interface features a green header with 'District Administration' and a navigation menu. Below the header, there are buttons for 'Year', 'Retrieve', and 'Save'. The main content area has tabs for 'DISTRICT NAME / ADDRESS', 'CAMPUS NAME / ADDRESS', 'PAYROLL FREQUENCIES', 'REPORTING CONTACT', 'SHARED SERVICES ARRANGEMENT', and 'FUND BALANCES'. The 'SHARED SERVICES ARRANGEMENT' tab is active. It shows two panels: 'Shared Services Arrangements' on the left and 'Shared Services Arrangement Member Amounts' on the right. An arrow points from the left panel to the right panel. The left panel has columns for 'Delete', 'Shared Services Type', 'Fiscal Agent District ID', and 'SSA Actuals'. The right panel has columns for 'Delete', 'Member District ID', 'Fund', 'Fiscal Year', and 'Amount'. The right panel currently shows 'No Rows'.

District Admin > Inquiry > TSDS Level 1 Errors

Corrected an issue with the *Discipline Domain Level 1 Error Report* that caused the report to not generate.

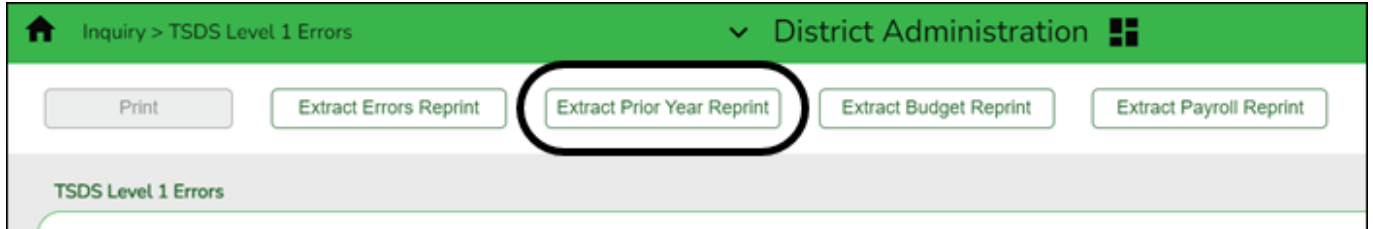
Modified the Finance Domain > SharedServiceArrangementExt Entity to extract as follows:

- EducationOrganization
- SSAMemberDistrictId
- SSAType
- FiscalYear
- ActualAmount

- SSAFund

Modified all TSDS Level 1 Error reports to display and print in landscape orientation by default.

Modified the page to add the **Extract Prior Year Reprint** button.



TSDS Parallel

Corrected the following Level 1 Errors:

- EDFI Student Education Error Transforming Data and Inserting into EDFI Staging Table (EDFI_STU_ED_ORG_RESP_STG)
- Extract processed but failed TSDS Extract Batch Process processed but failed with stored procedure error. Please provide server.log file.

Corrected the issue that caused a *-6 Error* to display on the **TSDS Extract Error Report** on the following extracts. It is possible that other scenarios may inadvertently cause the *-6 Error* to occur. TCC will investigate additional scenarios as they are reported.

- Course Extract
- Course Offering Extract
- CTE PGM Association
- CTE Program Reporting Period Attendance
- Discipline Action Extract
- Discipline Incident Extract
- Enrolled Student Extract
- Finance Budget Extract
- Parent Extract
- Prior Year Leaver Extract
- Section Extract
- Special Programs Reporting Period Attendance Extract
- Staff Ed Org Assignment Association Extract
- Student Discipline Associations Extract
- Student Education Organization Responsibility Extract
- Student Language Instruction Program Extract
- Student Parent Association Extract
- Student Program Extract
- Student School Association Extract

- Student School Attendance Event Extract
- Student Section Association Extract
- Student Special Education Program Association Extract

In order to comply with TEA, some extracts have been modified to no longer extract the TEA deleted 0/00 descriptors. This will cause the API to no longer send the data element.

In testing against the TCC version of the iODS, TCC has discovered some of the data elements are required and will continue to trigger a Level 1 Error.

TCC is waiting on guidance from TEA.

Updated the Budget and Payroll URI Descriptors to correct the following Level 1 Errors:

- Error: EdFi.Ods.Api.Services.Controllers.TX.BudgetExts.BudgetExtsController - MESSAGE: Post System.ComponentModel.DataAnnotations.ValidationException: Validation of 'BudgetExt' failed. BudgetFunctionDescriptorId is required. BudgetFundDescriptorId is required. BudgetObjectDescriptorId is required. BudgetProgramIntentDescriptorId is required.
- Error: EdFi.Ods.Api.Services.Controllers.TX.PayrollExts.PayrollExtsController - MESSAGE: Post System.ComponentModel.DataAnnotations.ValidationException: Validation of 'PayrollExt' failed. PayrollFunctionDescriptorId is required. PayrollFundDescriptorId is required. PayrollObjectDescriptorId is required. PayrollProgramIntentDescriptorId is required.

The URI Descriptors for Budget and Payroll were updated follows:

Budget:

	Namespace
1	uri://system.texas.gov/BudgetFunctionDescriptor
2	uri://system.texas.gov/BudgetFundDescriptor
3	uri://system.texas.gov/BudgetObjectDescriptor
4	uri://system.texas.gov/BudgetProgramIntentDescriptor
5	uri://tea.texas.gov/BudgetFunctionDescriptor
6	uri://tea.texas.gov/BudgetFundDescriptor
7	uri://tea.texas.gov/BudgetObjectDescriptor
8	uri://tea.texas.gov/BudgetProgramIntentDescriptor

Payroll:

	Namespace
1	uri://system.texas.gov/PayrollActivityDescriptor
2	uri://system.texas.gov/PayrollFunctionDescriptor
3	uri://system.texas.gov/PayrollFundDescriptor
4	uri://system.texas.gov/PayrollObjectDescriptor
5	uri://system.texas.gov/PayrollProgramIntentDescriptor
6	uri://tea.texas.gov/PayrollActivityDescriptor
7	uri://tea.texas.gov/PayrollFunctionDescriptor
8	uri://tea.texas.gov/PayrollFundDescriptor
9	uri://tea.texas.gov/PayrollObjectDescriptor
10	uri://tea.texas.gov/PayrollProgramIntentDescriptor

Modified the program to include Finance Prior Year Actuals in the Ed-FI Extracts.

Prior Release Notes for ASCENDER 8

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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.

District Administration > Options > Login

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

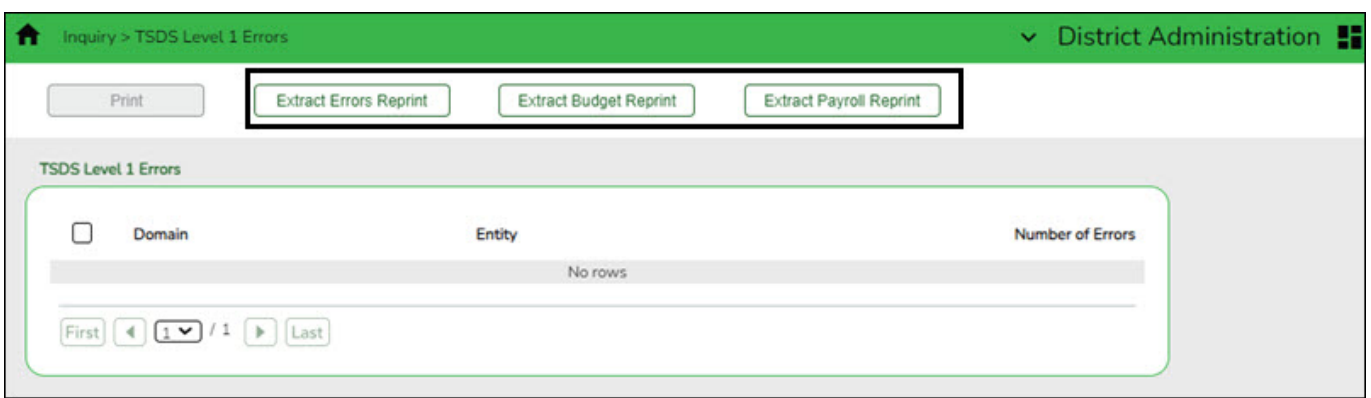
District Administration > Maintenance > Non-Employee

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.

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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."

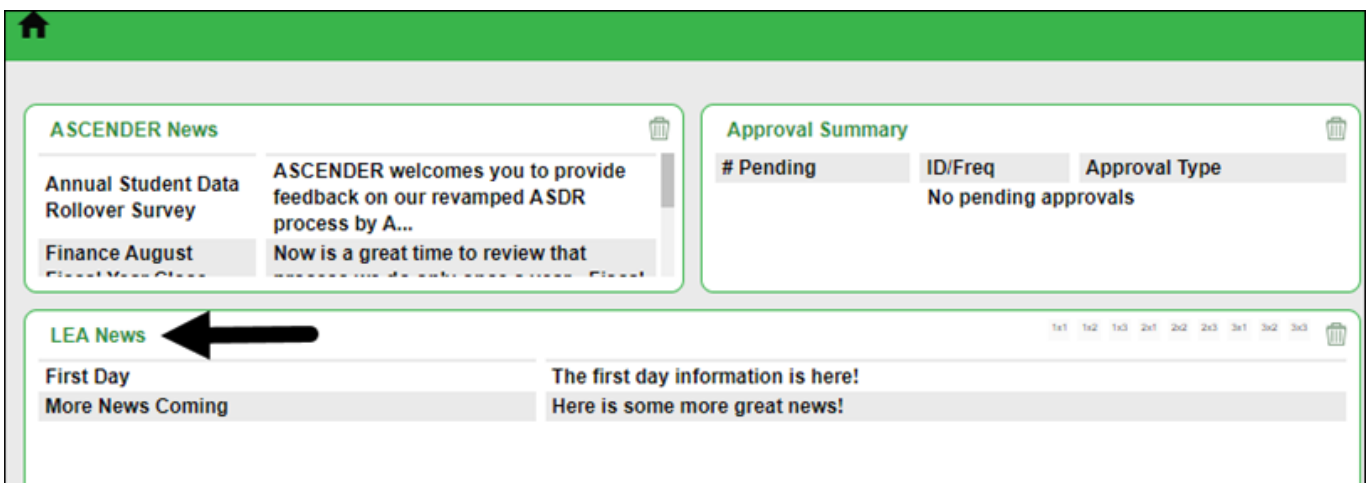
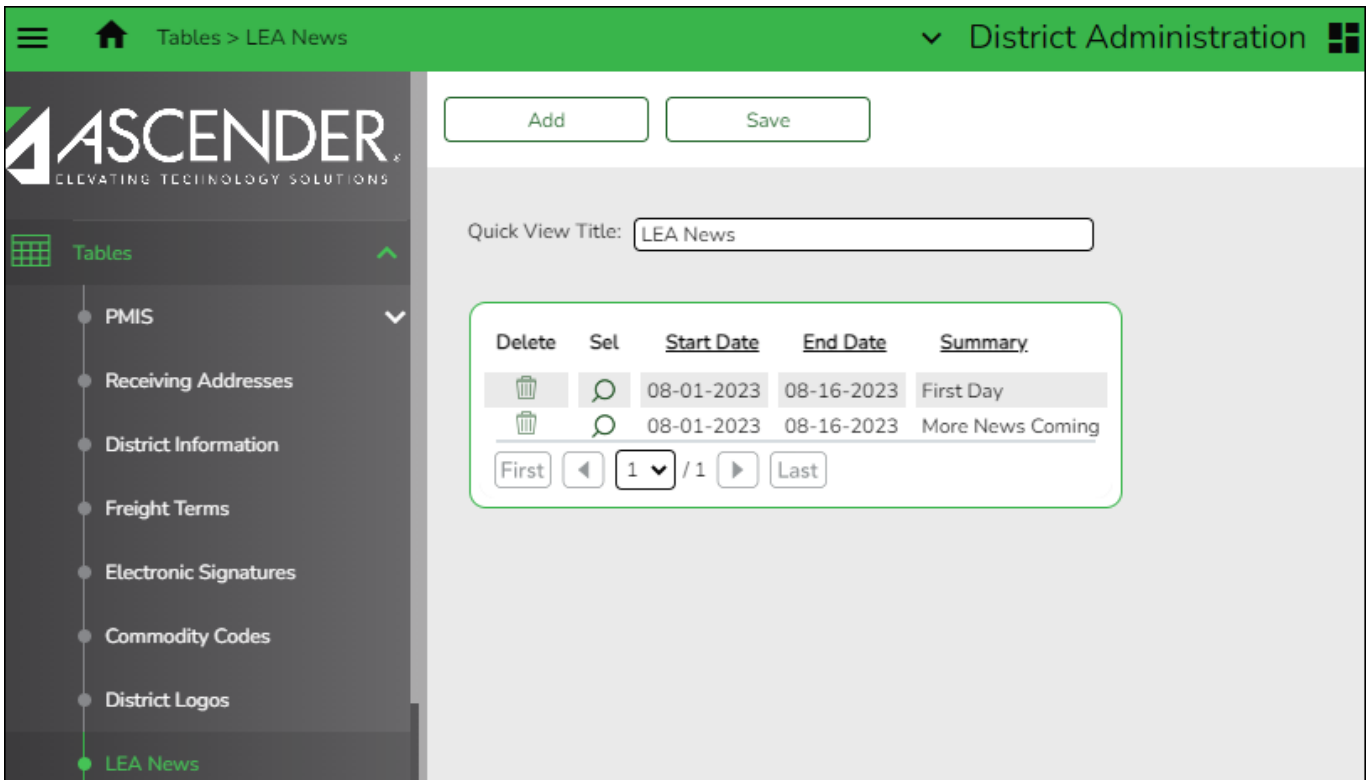
Update: 8.0100

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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).



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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