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ASCENDER 8.0400

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Accounts Receivable > Maintenance > Invoice Payments > Payments

- Corrected the Cash Receipts lookup to only include cash receipt transactions from the current Accounts Receivable accounting period and current Finance GL file ID.

Finance

- Per Frontline requirements, created a standard extract for Frontline Analytics Finance reporting for all ASCENDER clients. Refer to Technical Documentation > Third Party Extracts for setup information.

Finance > Tables > TSDS Crosswalks

- Modified the program to prevent duplicate values from being saved in the **From** column.

Finance > Reports > Finance Reports > Vendor/Purchase Order Reports > FIN2100 - 1099 Forms

- Per IRS requirements, updated the 1099-MISC/1099-NEC forms/instructions and all 1099-MISC/1099-NEC functionality to support the 2023 tax year.

Payroll > Reports > Quarterly/Annual Reports > HRS5100 - W-2 Forms

- Per IRS requirements, updated the W-2 form/instructions and all W-2 functionality to support the 2023 tax year.

Personnel > Maintenance > Staff Demo > Demographic Information

- 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.

Personnel > Reports > Payroll Information Reports > HRS5250 - 1095-B Forms

- Per IRS requirements, updated the 1095-B form/instructions and all 1095-B functionality to support the 2023 tax year.

Personnel > Reports > Payroll Information Reports > HRS5255 - 1095-C Forms

- Per IRS requirements, updated the 1095-C form/instructions and all 1095-C functionality to support the 2023 tax year.

Position Management > Maintenance > PMIS Change In Position > Separation

- Modified the program to correctly calculate the pay rate for pay type 3 employees when processing a separation and display the correct pay rate on the CIP report.



EmployeePortal

EmployeePortal > Inquiry > W-2 Information

- Per IRS requirements, updated the W-2 form/instructions and all W-2 functionality to support the 2023 tax year.

EmployeePortal > Inquiry > 1095 Information

- Per IRS requirements, updated the 1095-B/1095-C forms/instructions and all 1095-B/1095-C functionality to support the 2023 tax year.

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TSDS Ed-Fi Finance Actual Extract

- Changed the procedure to use the *SYR Actual - Short Year Fund/YR* option from the Finance > Tables > TSDS Crosswalks page when the extract is run on a GL File ID that is a short year.

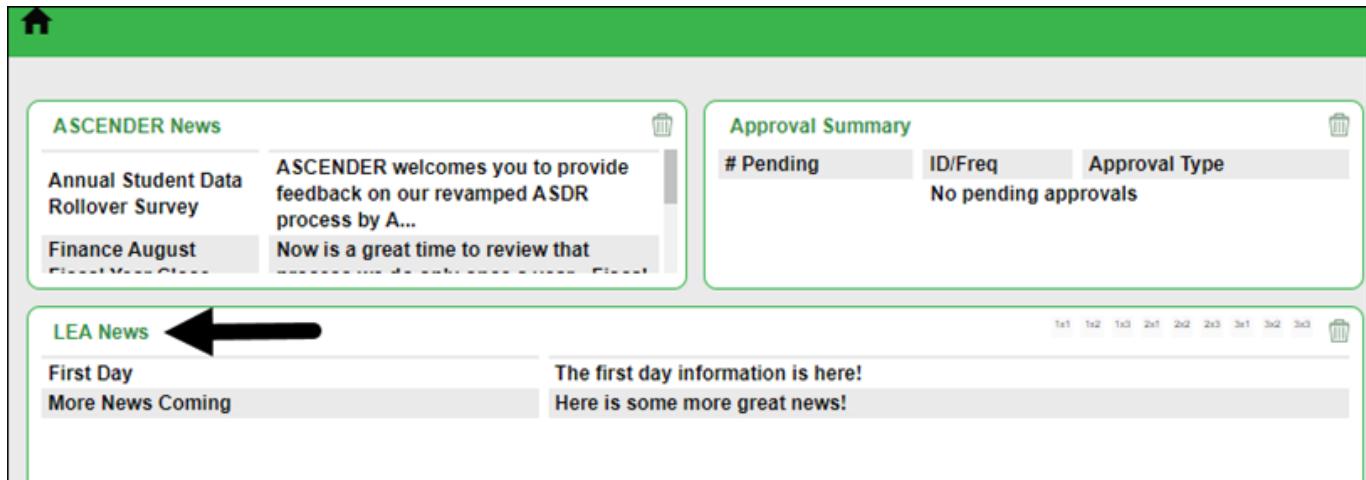
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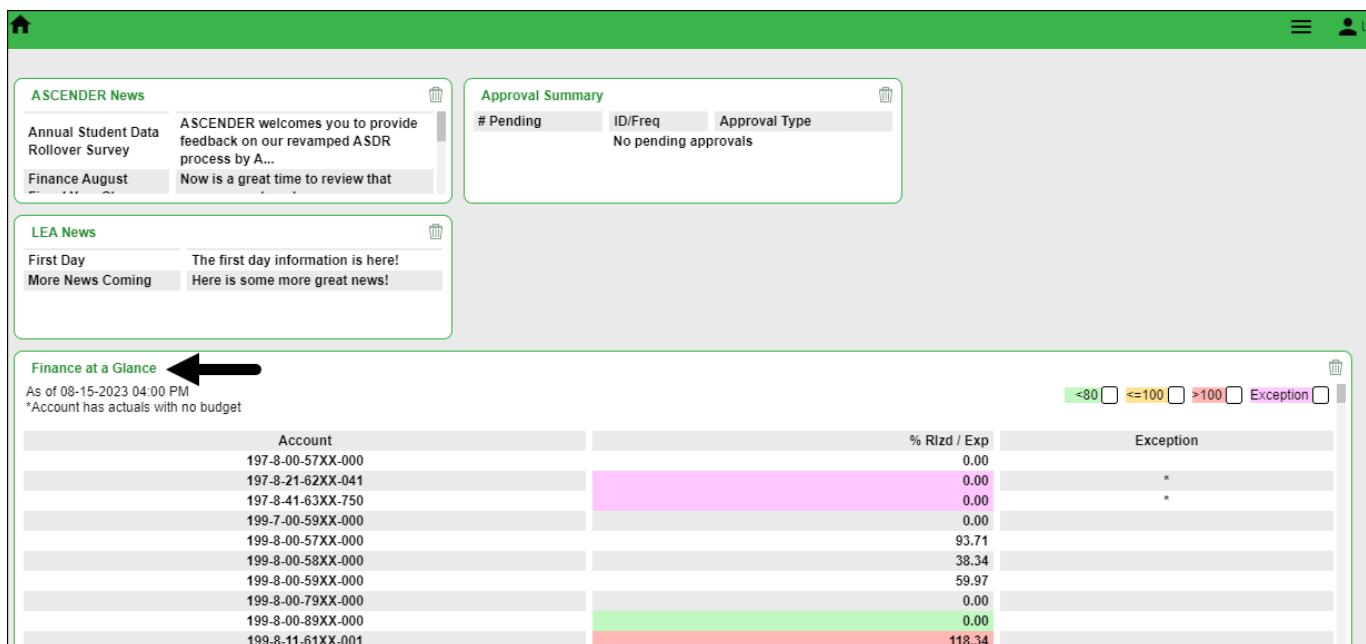
ASCENDER Homepage

□ Added the **LEA News** element to the Quick View dashboard. This feature allows 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). This functionality is managed on the new District Administration > Tables > LEA News page.



The screenshot shows the ASCENDER Homepage Quick View dashboard. At the top, there is a green header bar with a house icon. Below it, the dashboard is divided into several sections. On the left, there is a 'ASCENDER News' section with two items: 'Annual Student Data Rollover Survey' and 'Finance August'. To the right of this is an 'Approval Summary' section showing 'No pending approvals'. Below these are two more sections: 'LEA News' (which is highlighted with a black arrow) and 'First Day' (with the sub-section 'More News Coming'). The 'First Day' section contains the text 'The first day information is here!' and 'Here is some more great news!'. At the bottom right of the dashboard, there are several small buttons for filtering data.

□ Added the **Finance at a Glance** element to the Quick View dashboard. This feature displays a personalized summary of accounts based on the user's profile in District Administration. This data is retrieved from the general ledger balances in Finance file ID C and is updated on an hourly basis (at the top of the hour). Additionally, there are filters available to view selected accounts.



The screenshot shows the ASCENDER Homepage Quick View dashboard. The layout is similar to the previous screenshot, with sections for 'ASCENDER News', 'Approval Summary', 'LEA News', and 'First Day'. Below these is a new section labeled 'Finance at a Glance'. This section includes a timestamp 'As of 08-15-2023 04:00 PM' and a note 'Account has actuals with no budget'. It then displays a table of accounts with their current balances. The table has four columns: 'Account', '% Rlzd / Exp', 'Exception', and a color-coded row for 'Exception' (green for <80, yellow for <=100, red for >100, and pink for Exception). The account data is as follows:

Account	% Rlzd / Exp	Exception
197-8-00-57XX-000	0.00	
197-8-21-62XX-041	0.00	*
197-8-41-63XX-750	0.00	*
199-7-00-59XX-000	0.00	
199-8-00-57XX-000	93.71	
199-8-00-58XX-000	38.34	
199-8-00-59XX-000	59.97	
199-8-00-79XX-000	0.00	
199-8-00-89XX-000	0.00	
199-8-11-61XX-001	118.34	

Warehouse > Reports > Warehouse Reports

□ Removed the sort/filter options from the following reports:

- BWH1000 - Inventory Status Report

- BWH1050 - Warehouse Inventory Report Sorted By Category
- BWH1100 - Reorder Report
- BWH1150 - Print Shipping Order
- BWH1200 - Reprint Shipping Order
- BWH1250 - Back Order Report
- BWH1300 - Receiving Report for Inventory Items
- BWH1350 - Warehouse Transaction Register
- BWH1400 - Inventory Item History Report
- BWH1450 - Print Purchase Order Form
- BWH1500 - Reprint Purchase Order Form
- BWH1600 - Commodity Codes Actual Cost Report



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