

2009 Spring Tymposium Session Descriptions

Monday, March 16, 2009 Afternoon Pre-Conference Session Beginning 1:00 PM

Part 1 -Back to Basics—How does it all come together—Service Indicators, TDTIMS, Funding? Learn the specifics about how routing and the TIMS data tie into the service indicators, efficiency and transportation funding from the state.

Part 2 -Liability – Laura Crumpler, Assistant Attorney General and Katie Cornetto, State Board of Education Attorney will discuss routing, maintaining current data, LEA liability and the associated legal implications of each.

Tuesday—March 17, 2009 Opening Session, Beginning at 8:30 AM

Concurrent Sessions Tuesday & Wednesday, March 17 & 18, 2009

Directors

Communication with the Superintendent and School Board - Stephen Lane, former Transportation Director, now Superintendent will discuss how to effectively communicate with your superintendent and school board

Director's Roundtable—This session will feature transportation directors sharing their strategies for efficiency and savings

Operational Issues/ Special Topics—Share tools, such as GPS and other ways your district is using to help trim costs without sacrificing safety or service

Budget Crisis Wrap-Up—Edulog's Shawna Knudson and DPI's Derek Graham lead a discussion of how to use TIMS to save precious dollars

Newer TIMS Users

TIMS Through the Year—Introduction to the work flow and suggested schedule to make the most of TIMS year round

Introduction to Boundaries and Boundary Planning—How to use school boundaries to determine student school attendance, answer data questions

Student Update Process for Newer TIMS Users—An introduction to the student update process

System Maintenance for Newer Users Discuss daily system maintenance processes to keep your data clean and system running smoothly

New Users Roundtable—If this is your first spring conference, this time will allow you to get answers to any questions that may have come up during the conference; trade ideas with other new users to take back to the office to utilize the software more effectively

TIMS Topics

TIMS User Roundtable—How are you using TIMS to trim costs in your district? Bring your ideas and strategies to share with other users across the state

TIMS Optimization—Workshop will focus on the concepts of using the simulation area for Optimization to improve current routing plans or define a plan for staggering school bell times

TDTIMS & Service Indicator Reports—What the service indicator reports mean to the TIMS data manager and how to avoid reporting on bad data, making your level of service look bad.

Using TIMS to Boost Productivity—Discuss how to quickly change bell times and adjust bus runs to realize potential savings in numbers of buses

Special Topics

GIS Update –Discuss the benefit and process of periodically updating your GIS data/map

NCWISE Update—SIMS will bid farewell this year, this workshop will discuss how to better understand the NCWISE data extraction process; discuss roles in NCWISE

Special Needs Transportation—The new Special Needs Manual has been published; Steve Beachum will discuss special needs transportation issues and answer any questions you may have—this session was an impromptu session held at NCSU late spring of last year and brought to the spring conference by request

