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## PDExpress 2014<sup>®</sup> Now Available, 9/17/2013

PDExpress 2014, Lucid's comprehensive professional learning management system, is now available and contains many new features, including a completely redesigned staff view that makes it easier than ever to access professional development records. The Administrator's view includes a variety of enhancements that build on features introduced in PDExpress 2013.

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## **Staff Member View Enhancements**

- New Design (matches Admin.) Allows greater flexibility and productivity while maintaining the same easy menu navigation as previous versions.
- See More Information Staff are able to view more information at one time.
- Filter, Sort, Group PD Information Staff have greater flexibility in how they view their PD information (i.e., In-district PD, Out of District PD, Plans, etc.).
- Filter, Sort, and Group the Course Catalog Staff now filter, sort and group the course catalog by Title, Sessions, Start Date, Time, Register by Date, Location, Presenter etc.
- **Export PD Information** Staff can now <u>save their PD information</u> to an Excel spreadsheet.

- **Create PDFs (and print too)** Staff can now create PDF copies of their forms, transcripts and session sign-in sheets to save or forward electronically.
- Works With The iPad IOS 6+ Looks and works the same as your desktop. <u>Great for principals</u> <u>conducting observations and evaluations.</u>
- Custom Appearance Settings for Staff <u>Customize the staff view by changing color schemes</u> and skins.
- **Custom Date Range for Transcripts** <u>Specify a custom date range</u> when printing a transcript.
- **Column Totals** Displays totals for hours, credits, qtr hours and semester hours for In-District and Out-of-District PD (i.e., just like the transcript).
- Filter PD by Date Range Preference Staff can view completed In-District and Out-of-District PD by date range (i.e., just like the transcript).
- Forms appear in pop-up windows Eliminating the need to navigate back to the previous page.
- Log in instructions Customizable instructions on the log in panel/screen providing staff with information on how to log in.
- **District and Building Level News** In addition to District news, buildings have their own news items (news is based on staff members' district and building affiliation).
- **Request ID and Password** Staff can now request a forgotten ID and Password (previous versions supported forgotten passwords only).

## Administrator's View Enhancements

- Expanded Forms Editing Capability Administrators can now add and remove fields to and from *existing forms*. There is no longer a need to copy or create a new form in order to make changes that involves fields.
- **Group Restrictions** Just like restricting access by building, you can now <u>restrict access by</u> <u>group or groups</u>. This makes it possible to restrict a PDExpress administrator to a "group" of staff members. For example, a supervisor may be restricted to accessing a group of teachers for

evaluation purposes.

- Multiple Activity (Out-of-District) Update Instead of updating activities one at a time, you can now <u>update multiple activities simultaneously</u>.
- **Forms Approval** Now an <u>administrative function</u> with the ability to view staff member professional development records while reviewing requests.
- New Text Editor for Field Help Text Field level help now includes a text editor for adding help text to forms.
- New District Course Catalog Setting Ability to globally set the default view of the catalog (i.e., Calendar vs. List view).
- More control over preferences and goals <u>Globally reset the start and end dates under</u> preferences for all staff and the ability to lock dates and goals for all staff.
- Updated Progress Chart In addition to tracking Hours and Credit, a third item (Sem Hrs) can be tracked.
- **Calculated User-Defined Fields** Ability for administrators to create user-defined fields that are the result of a calculation.
- **Pop-Up eMail Composer** The inline eMail composer was changed to a movable, pop-up window.
- **Staff Appearance Settings** Administrators may customize the look of the Staff View by setting a color and background image for the login page and selecting from skins and colors for other pages in the staff view.

To learn more about PDExpress and how it may be used to support your professional learning program, please contact:

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