We have some **GREAT** new and improved reports to share, along with some that have been around—but need a little bit of highlighting.

### Year-over-Year Mark Comparison

Many of the new reports that are created for us come out of a specific need that arises in our day-to-day work. This report, #LR000078 School—Mark Distribution Comparison by Course Subject (#LR000077 for District Users), arose in part from the impact of the hurricane on our high school campuses. The question was asked, “How are these campuses performing compared to last year?” One area reviewed was the mark distribution in our core subject areas for each nine weeks and semester compared to the same periods in the previous year. This data was tediously compiled, but then became an idea for a new Decision Ed report. *Voila!* See the example at left. This report can be run for the core course subject areas for all campus levels.

Want to drill further for details—i.e., which courses in which subject areas are causing the most impact? Here is a great report to give those details: Report #R000136 School—Mark Distribution by Course. Select the Mark School Year, Marking Period, Course Subject, and then select one or more courses or select all. The bonus is that this reports lets you select *any* subject area. The output shows the number of A’s, B’s, C’s, etc., for each selected course.

Here is another treasure that pairs students’ grades in a selected course with their most recent STAAR scores. Report #R000088 School—Marks / HST Performance Exceptions allows you to select the grade threshold—defaulted to 70 to capture your failures. This is very helpful, for example, for comparing 9th graders failing in a certain course, say Algebra I, with their 8th grade performance in Math and Reading on STAAR. The report displays all grades received in the course, including 1st 9 weeks, 2nd 9 weeks, exam grade, and the semester average, and includes students and teacher information.

### New Teacher Attendance Report

Here is a brand new report that lets you choose an absence category and pulls the list of all scheduled teachers within the selected absence range. The Report #R001096 School—YTD Scheduled Teacher Count by Absence Category Teacher List only includes *true* absences, not professional development, etc. (District Users go to #LR000051.) So useful for finding teachers with perfect attendance (i.e., no personal absences)!

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**Take Another 👀 at Discipline**

Here is an interesting report (see example below) that displays the percent of students with a selected number of discipline infractions compared to previous years. This is Report #R000330 School—% of Enrollment with Infractions. Select the minimum number of infractions that students have (in the example below, we selected “3”). The output displays the percent of students in each school year that had three or more discipline incidents. Of course, the 2017-2018 bar on the graph in this example is only as of January, so it will be understandably lower if run before the year’s end.
There are a number of new reports that will let you view your students' PSAT results. For High School Users, check out Reports #R001058, #R001059, and #R001060. District Users can look at these reports: #R0001055, #R0001056, and #R0001057. For a report that also includes Middle School scores, there is a new Report #R001039—PSAT 8/9, PSAT NMSQT, SAT Student List (Current Enrollment). District Users can use #R0001038. These reports produce a list of all students for the grades that have been selected and displays if they have PSAT or SAT scores.

**How has the Flu Impacted Our Attendance?**

Whether it’s the flu or a World Series parade or other school interrupters, the first question often asked is “How is this impacting our attendance?” Here is a very useful report to compare a date range in the current year with last year or any other time period. Report #R000311—School—Attendance% by Grade Level for Date Range lets you select the particular date range, such as the month of January, and displays the percent attendance for each day in January. The report can then be run for the same date range in the previous year and then compared. The last column calculates the overall percent attendance for the date range selected. District users will want to look at Report #R000282 which gives the same view but displays either ALL campuses or, using the Optional Selections, only selected grades or campus levels.

**Attendance by Counselor**

Want to check the attendance for your particular student group? Here is an old—but oft overlooked—report that shows year-over-year attendance for the group of students assigned to the selected counselor: #R000008—School—YTD Attendance% by Year for Counselor. **ONE CAUTION:** If you drill down to student-level detail for past years, School Users can only view their current students’ data.

**Here’s a SUPER Timesaver!**

Typically, when we have an update to Decision Ed, You are asked to update your workspace by saving it to your home folder. Then when another update occurs, you have to do it again. Here is a simpler way—just click on the appropriate link below and then just set that workspace as your “home” by clicking on the arrow beside the “home” icon.

Now, any time there are changes to the workspace template, you are automatically opening the latest version.

SCHOOL User Workspace  DISTRICT User Workspace

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### UPCOMING DECISION ED TRAINING

If you still need trained, or even just need a refresher, sign up in Eduphoria for this session in February:

Thursday, February 22, 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the Administration Building Room 300. Here is the link for Eduphoria: