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All Applications

Improvements

- SchoolData Connect Interface Updates. Visit our Help Center to read more details, here is a quick overview:
    - Updated the **layout** with a cleaner, more modern, and distinct design
        - A user's current **application**, **role**, and **active dashboard** are now prominently displayed at the top.
        - The **Switch** option is more prominently displayed for seamless navigation between Dashboards
        - The page settings button was relocated to the **View Filters** button.
            - For ease of use, we recommend using this button to change page settings
        - **Enrollment** and **Data** buttons display the active school year(s). Hovering over the data button reveals all selected years when multiple years are applied.
        - The **More** button indicates additional filters selected in the page settings, beyond the default filters. Clicking the button will display the additional filters the user has selected.
            - If no additional filters are selected, the More button is not displayed.
    - The number of **tools** has been reduced to consolidate functionality.
        - **Notifications**: Located beneath the bell icon, this area consolidates all notifications and organizes them into tabs.
        - **Help Center** access changed from life preserver icon to question mark in circle.
        - The **Connect AI** Agent is available anywhere in the Connect platform.
    - **User Profile** now provides quick access to Manage My Account tools
        - **ADA settings** moved to the front so easily accessed by users
        - **Ability to adjust text size** - toggle on/off
        - **Zoom factor** - select zoom percentage
        - **High Contrast** - toggle on/off
        - **App Navigation Open** - keeps the left navigation panel open by default
        - **Always Display Content Menus** - turns container menus on/off on Overview tab
        - **Language Selection** - now relocated to the user profile
        - **Demo Mode** - toggle on/off
        - **Privacy Policy** - Access to updated Definable Solutions policy
        - **Sign Out** - logs users out of the system

- **Manage My Account** has been changed to Manage account & settings
  - This page has been expanded to include access to pages that were previously only available on the generic SchoolData application pages.
    - **Applications** - Lists all of the applications the user has been given access to
    - **Items** - Lists all configuration items they have saved.
    - **Files** - Lists all files they have generated, not just the ones that were delivered via notifications. It includes PDFs they can quickly view and other types of files they have available in the download option. It will list all files they have clicked "download" for.
    - **Activity** - displays a log of their user activity showing all pages they have visited.

Homeroom

Improvements

- Added name display options for separate **First Name** and **Last Name** columns to **Homeroom Student Search** for more flexible sorting and searching.
- Added timestamps to generated **Data Extract** versions to distinguish multiple runs on the same date, and resolved an issue preventing configuration renaming from persisting.
- On the **Section 31a State Reporting** > **Interventions** > **Annual Report** page, added a row action on the **View Students** data table to add students directly to a **Student Group**. (*Michigan only*)
- Updated the **Edit My Assessments** data table to display the **Assessment Test Label** alongside the **Assessment Test Name**.
- Updated the **Create New Assessment** form to make **Subject Area**, **Scope**, and **Family** required fields, standardizing field requirements across both creation and editing workflows.
- Added **TX STAAR Assessments (Grades 9–12)** to the **State Assessment Containers** at District and High School level **Dashboards**. *(Texas only)*
- Enhanced **View As KPI** layouts for improved usability and visual consistency with Dashboard standard assessment views.
- Added an **Avg Attendance Rate by Month** chart with multiple category view options to the **Attendance - Other Views** containers on **Dashboards**.
- Introduced dynamic column labeling for **Student Alternate ID**—starting with the **Student Search** and **Student Information** data tables—to display each district's preferred terminology (e.g., Other ID, Local ID, Student Number).

Connect AI

Improvements

- Overhauled the Connect AI conversation sidebar:

    - Expanded the width and optimized vertical row height
    - Added direct options to **rename** and **delete** conversation threads.
- Resolved prompt interpretation issues that caused 12th-grade SAT data alignment discrepancies and disambiguated PSAT 8/9 Grade 8 vs. Grade 9 assessment records.
- Standardized SPED and Section 504 status verification into a unified routine that checks both the dedicated Special Education detail table and the general services-enrollment table, eliminating false-negative determinations during student profile evaluations.
- Added a CTE Work Based Learning (WBL) data set so that Connect AI Agent can successfully answer WBL-related questions.

CTE

Improvements

- Added a Work-Based Learning (WBL) data table region to the CTE student profiles across Data Administrator, Educator, and Teacher roles, displaying class details alongside activity completion status and teacher notes.
- Added a CTE Work Based Learning (WBL) data set to Student Data Grids.

Bug Fixes

- **ALE**: Resolved an issue where an incorrect message appeared when attempting to add a course with matching start and end dates to a wSLP for Enrollment Method 1 programs while an active course was present.
- **ALE**: Fixed an issue under Registrar >> All Student Learning Plans where the Earliest Approval Date incorrectly displayed the most recent wSLP approval date instead of the earliest one.
- **Homeroom**: Enhanced export options on the Data Administrator **Assessment Tests** table. Users can now choose whether to include or exclude nested data tables during export, resolving an issue where download requests previously hung without generating a file.
- **Homeroom**: Fixed an issue where clicking a level bar in Assessment Tests by Grade Level charts returned students from outside the selected enrollment grade.
- **Pro Dev**: Removed an erroneous submission constraint that required a 'Course Website' on the Course Attendance Request Approval form.

Other Improvements

- **All Applications:** Enhanced the export experience by persisting **Student Download Options** across all of the SchoolData platform. Download selections are now retained when navigating between different areas or applications.
- **EWM:** Added **Student Download Options** to the **All Students** and **Multiple Areas of Risk** pages, enabling users to include additional student data fields during export.
- **Interventions**: Added plan **Strategies** as an optional, printable section when exporting or printing student intervention plans.