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To: District Administrators

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Subject: Academic and Career Planning Software System Changes

In April 2016, DPI contracted with the state selected software company, Career Cruising, to provide Wisconsin students in grades 6-12 with an Academic and Career Planning (ACP) electronic tool for career development. In the last year, eight Wisconsin schools partnered with our vendor to test drive an upgraded version of this software called Xello. Xello is now Career Cruising's new, more engaging career development program. According to Kerry Johnson, DeForest Area School District College and Career Readiness Coordinator, "We absolutely love the Xello lessons for ACP implementation. They're a very nice addition to the program."

Xello is both the new company name and the name of the new software platform. While the name may have changed, rest assured, the vendor is still committed to providing support to Wisconsin schools with the transition to the new program.

Starting in February, each CESA will be hosting low cost (\$15-32) regional trainings for district ACP staff to preview the student portfolio side of the new program in preparation for the transition to Xello. Preregistration and a laptop/tablet are required to participate.

In depth training for staff management of Xello will begin in June through a variety of platforms; in-person, virtual, and on-demand. The actual transition will occur the latter part of July into early August. Every district's Career Cruising Administrator will be contacted by Xello in order to prepare for this transition. The move to Xello will be automatic and seamless, so there's almost nothing for you to do. Other than updating your district's or school's website for Single Sign On (SSO), the Xello team will do the rest.

Please see these webpages for more information on upcoming trainings and the transition to Xello: <http://go.xello.world/wisconsin>.

If you have further questions, feel free to contact the Xello team directly at help@xello.world or call at (800) 965-8541 or Robin.Kroyer-Kubicek@dpi.wi.gov or call (608) 266-2022.