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MiCase hosted two Pinnacle SIS User Group meetings in March. One session focused on the needs of elementary school users and another on middle and high school users. Highlights from the sessions include hearing from our Project Manager at Global Scholar about upcoming changes in the new release, and reviewing the report requests you rated using our online survey.

Our Pinnacle SIS User Groups meet Fall, Winter and Spring. We look forward to seeing you again in the Fall!



Did you know you can save queries in Pinnacle SIS? This and many other tips and tricks were shared and are now posted at the Pinnacle SIS User Group on Basecamp.

Access this and other Basecamp

projects at www.kresa.org/basecamp

Coming soon . . . a new release from FA

The new Financial Accounting release will be available at the end of April, and includes a significant upgrade in the area of purchase orders.

Districts will now be setup to email Department Receiver Copies to those who generate the purchase request rather than having to send them via interoffice mail. Districts will also have control over which purchase order copies they print. These features are designed to save time and printing resources.

As part of this update, MiCase staff will assist on this installation as many changes in the setup of the system will need to take place. We're glad to work with you to ensure a smooth installation.

New Vision Committee to provide a fresh lens on development

MiCase Vision Committees provide direction and guidance in the development of solutions.

These vision committees consist of up to four representatives from member ISD counties.

Vision committees recommend and prioritize development requests for implementation by the consortium programming staff.

We are pleased to announce a new Vision Committee for Pinnacle Insight, joining our existing Business Office, and Student Information Vision Committees.

We are grateful to all of our consortium members who serve on our MiCase Vision Committees.

[More on Vision Committees](#)

Teacher Student Data Link Collection

The Teacher Student Data Link Collection (TSDL) in the Michigan Student Data System will report links between students and the teacher(s) who provide instruction to them. MiCase is working to assist members with these new reporting requirements by developing reports and charts in Pinnacle Insight in all cases where data is available.



WHAT WE'RE READING

Visit the MiCase offices and you'll see copies of *Crucial Conversations*, the New York Times bestseller, on several staff members' desks. *Crucial Conversations* gives tools for dialogue when the stakes are high, emotions are strong, and opinions vary.

[More Info](#)





Because we are an information technology service provider, MiCase has a plan in place to ensure our ability to function after a disaster.

Our disaster recovery plan details the preparation and actions required to respond to a disaster, and assigns responsibilities for those actions.

MiCase also has procedures for testing and maintaining this plan – For instance, we test our backup data annually each summer.

In addition, as part of the business office audit, Plante Moran audits MiCase’s technology processes each year.

Copies of our disaster recovery plan are available to our customers upon request.

We’re pleased to be your trusted partner in information technology!

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**Student Information
Vision Committee**

**April 27
2:15p - 5p**

**April 28
10:30a - 12:30p**

**MSBO Annual Conference
Amway Grand Plaza Hotel/DeVos Place
Grand Rapids**

Join us in the Exhibit Hall at booth #103 during MSBO’s 73rd Annual Conference. MiCase is excited to share how our Financial Accounting, Human Resources, Payroll, and Student Information systems can meet the needs of your school district. See you there!

**Online
Calendar**

HCMS

Human Capital Management System

We are proud to announce our new MiCase web-based HR system went live in Portage on January 31 and at Kalamazoo RESA on February 11. This new system aligns with our broader goal of moving to web-based applications.

We also have a name for this application - drumroll please - Human Capital Management System or HCMS.

