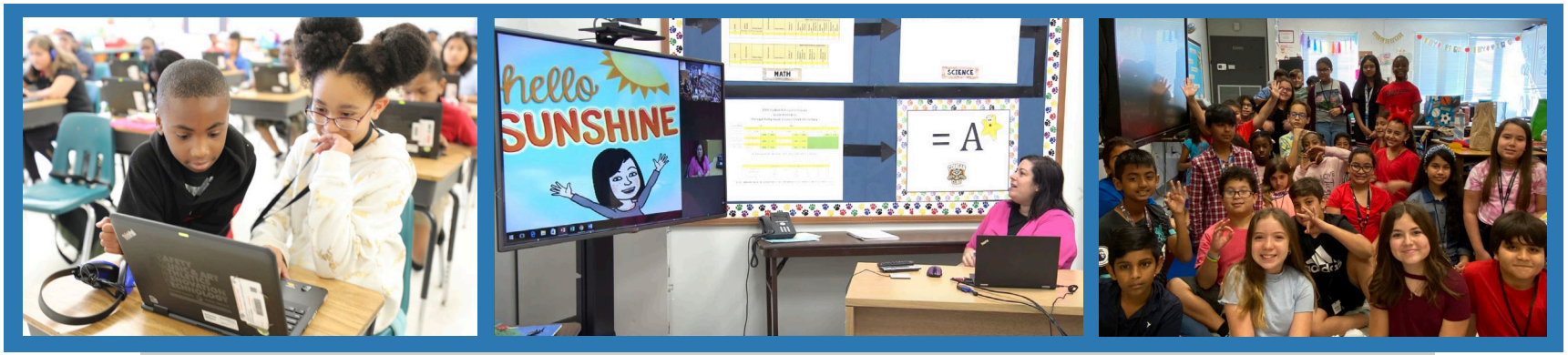

IMT/IMS Symposium

FOCUS School Software

Student Information System (SIS)

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Adopt & Adapt

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August 9, 2023

What is Focus School Software?

- **Focus** is a robust and modern Student Information System (SIS) which is:
  - 100% web-based
  - The most widely used solution for Florida State Reporting (a key component in obtaining funding for our schools)
  - Currently implemented in 2/3 of Florida school districts

- **Focus** will change the way ALL stakeholders (teachers, staff, students, and parents) access student information including (but not limited to):
  - Course schedules/rosters
  - Grades/Gradebook
  - IEP Information
  - Parent contact information
  - School reports

What will FOCUS replace?

BCPS In-house Applications

TERMS

Virtual Counselor

BASIS

- Student Details
- Discipline Management System
- MTSS/RTI
- Bullying & Harassment
- School Reports 2.0
- PROMISE
- JJSC
- SSW
- Third Party Referrals

Vendor Applications

PCG

- EdPlan (IEP & EP)
- BTA (module & Paperclip)
- Suicide Prevention
- Electronic Health Record
- Exceptional Student Services Subscription

Wazzle

- Pinnacle Gradebook

Focus Training Plan

Intro to Focus Course

Introduction to Focus course in Canvas aimed at basic navigation within the system

Face-to-Face Training

Comprehensive schedule of face-to-face trainings conducted by Focus School Software trainers

Hands-on Training (Hot) Labs

In person, drop-in training labs to provide personal support with enrollment and scheduling processes

Resources

A variety of just-in-time resources including training documents, videos, Canvas courses, and refresher webinars

Focus "Go Live" Timeline

Nov/Dec 2023

New Student Enrollment for SY 24/25

- PreK/KG and out of district transfers starting in SY 24/25

Winter 2024

Secondary scheduling

- Course setup
- Course requests
- Master Schedule building

Spring 2024

Elementary scheduling

- Setup & Packaging
- Scheduler
- Walk-in scheduling

BTS August 2024

ALL identified processes and functionality will be live in Focus

IMT/IMS Training Schedule

ROLLOUT OF TRAINING

Enrollment
All levels

- Introduction to Focus Course (Canvas)
- Face–to–Face Training (Plantation High)
- Hands-On Training (HOT) Labs
- Asynchronous training resources
- Refresher Webinars

November 2023

Scheduling Secondary

- Face–to–Face Training (Plantation High)
- Hands-On Training (HOT) Labs
- Asynchronous training resources
- Refresher Webinars

Winter 2024

Scheduling Elementary

- Face–to–Face Training (Plantation High)
- Hands-On Training (HOT) Labs
- Asynchronous training resources
- Refresher Webinars

Early Spring 2024

Teacher Processes

- Train–the–Trainer Model
- Face–to–Face Training (Plantation High)
- Hands-On Training (HOT) Labs
- Asynchronous training resources
- Refresher Webinars

Late Spring 2024

Focus – Demo

Main Portal Page

- **Alerts:** New Student, Teacher Completion
- **Favorites/Recent Programs:** Recently viewed students
- **School Folder:** Open Fed/State Indicator in new tab, open 4C
- **Find a student:** Search for a student, links, Back to search results, expand View enrollment

Student Records

- **Icons:** folder icon navigation
- **Menus/Navigation:** Menu Bar, Navigation Bar, Information Panel
- **Information Location:** ELL, ESE

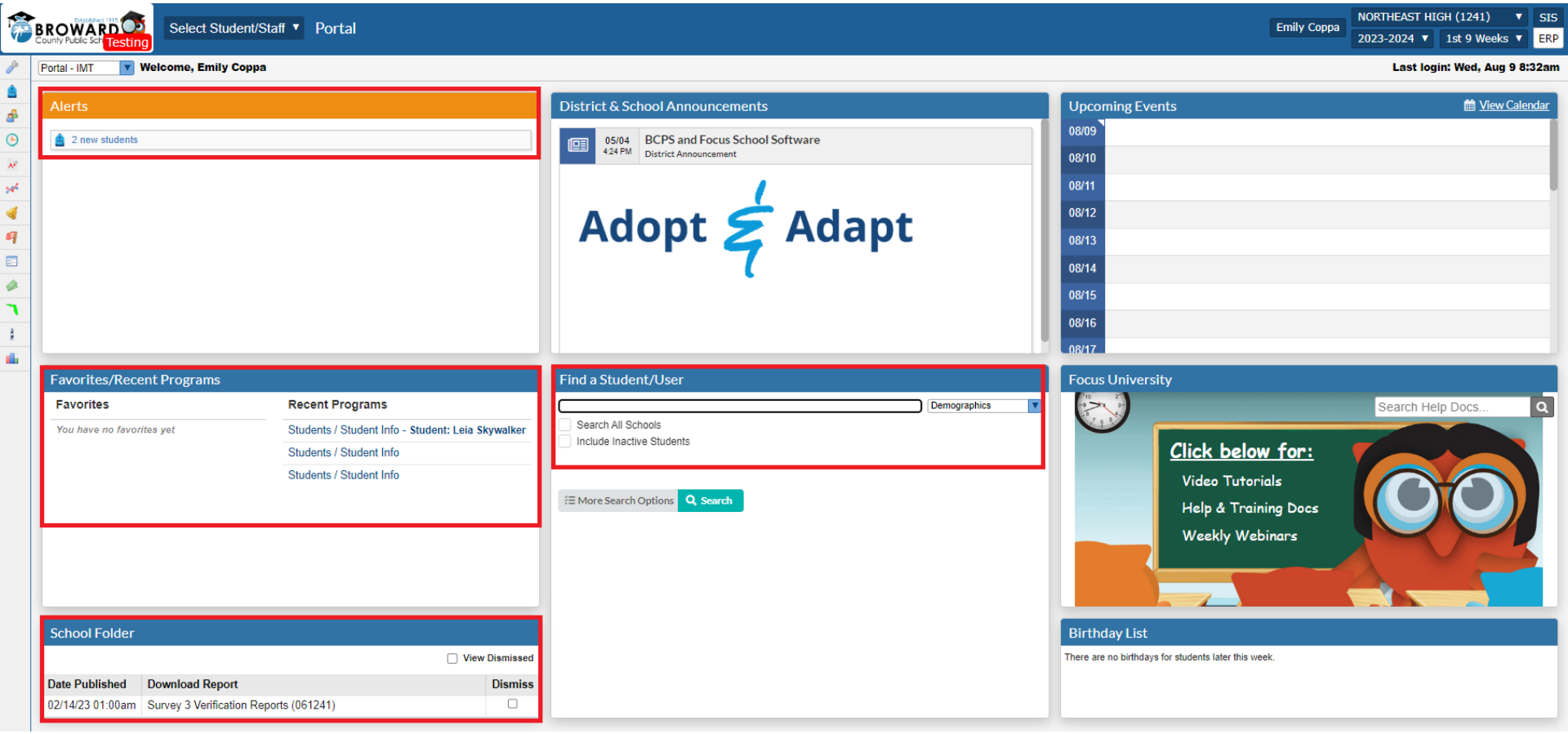
Addresses & Contacts

- **Page navigation:** Icons, linked Users (parent portal access), Linked students

Add a Student

- **Search student:** identify existing students with matching information
- **Enroll as new:** enroll a new to the district student

Focus – Portal View



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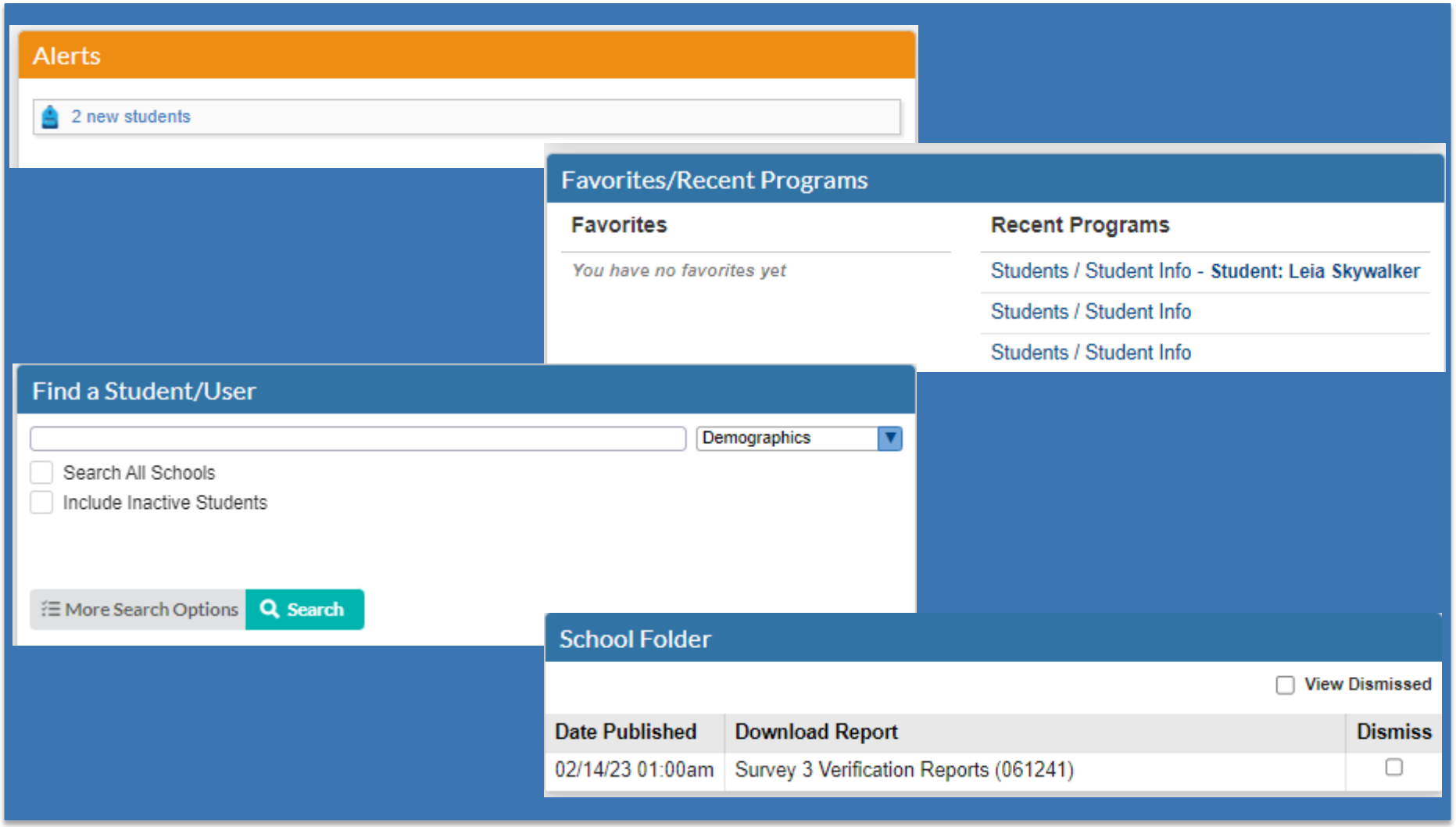

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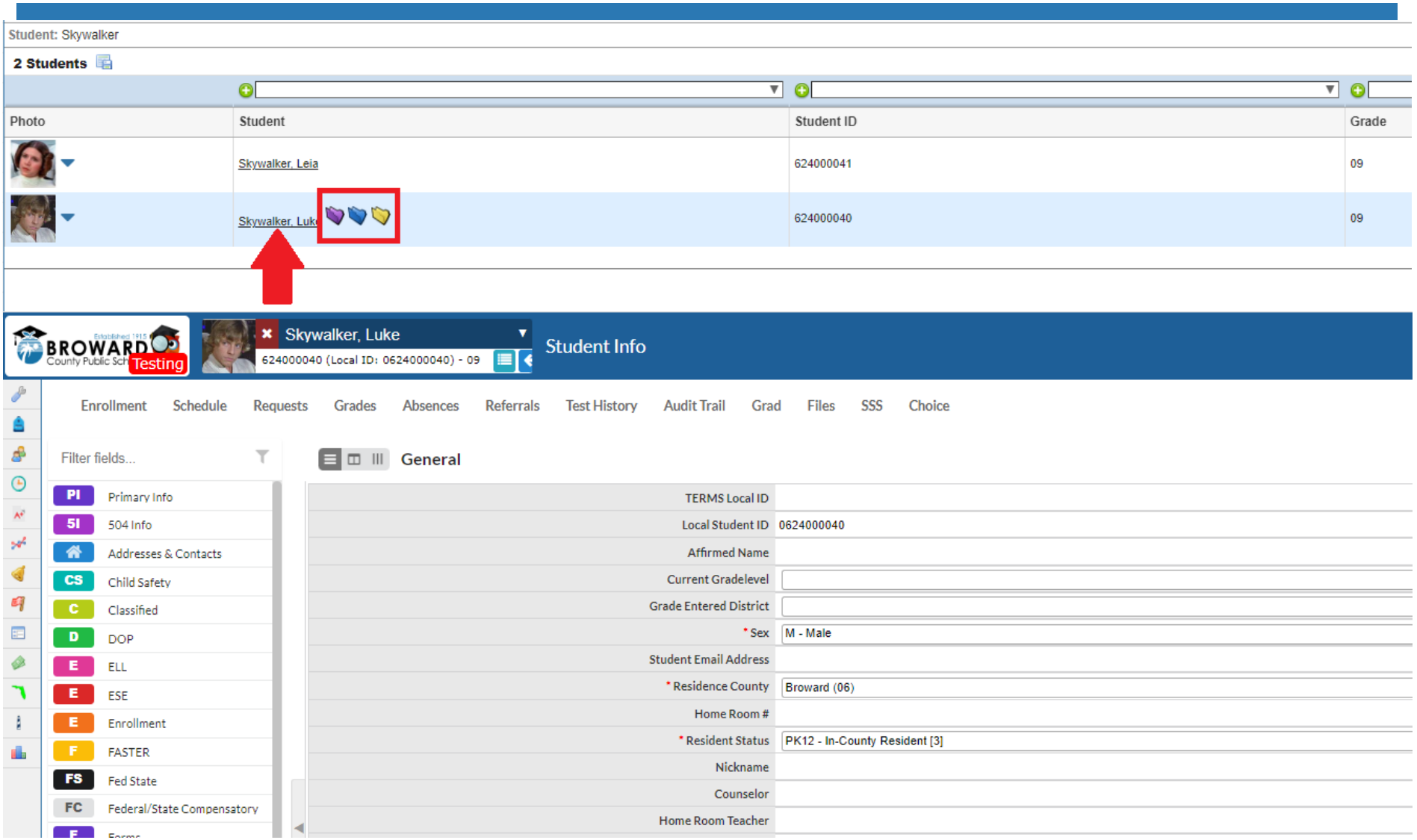
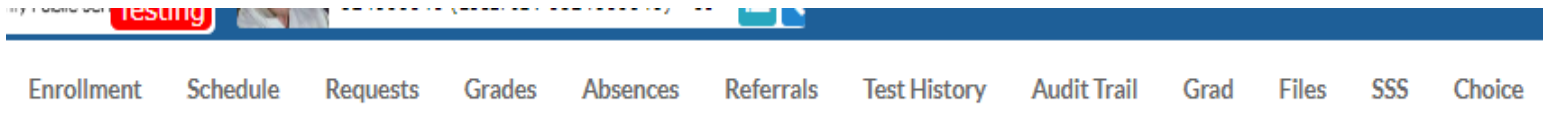
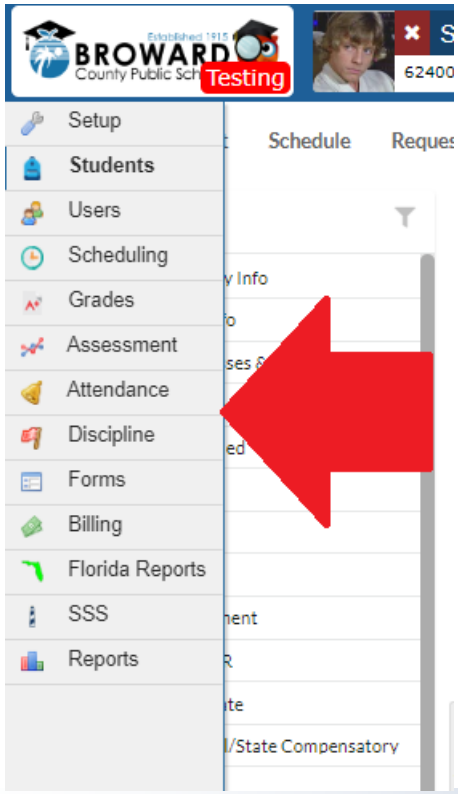


Focus – Student Records

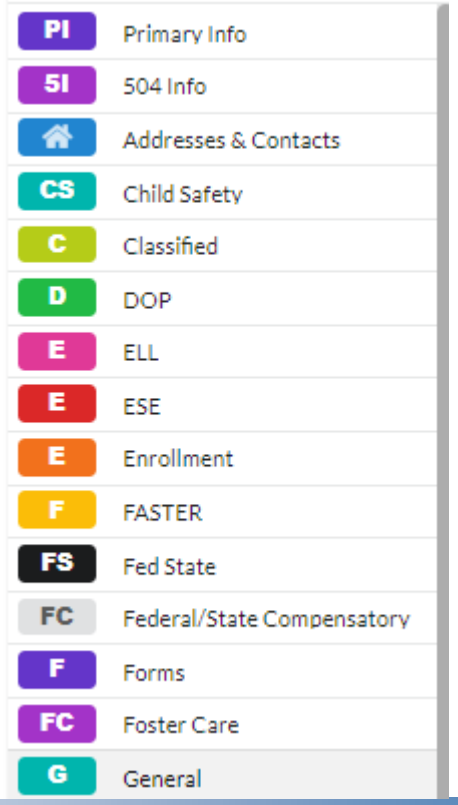
Navigation Bar



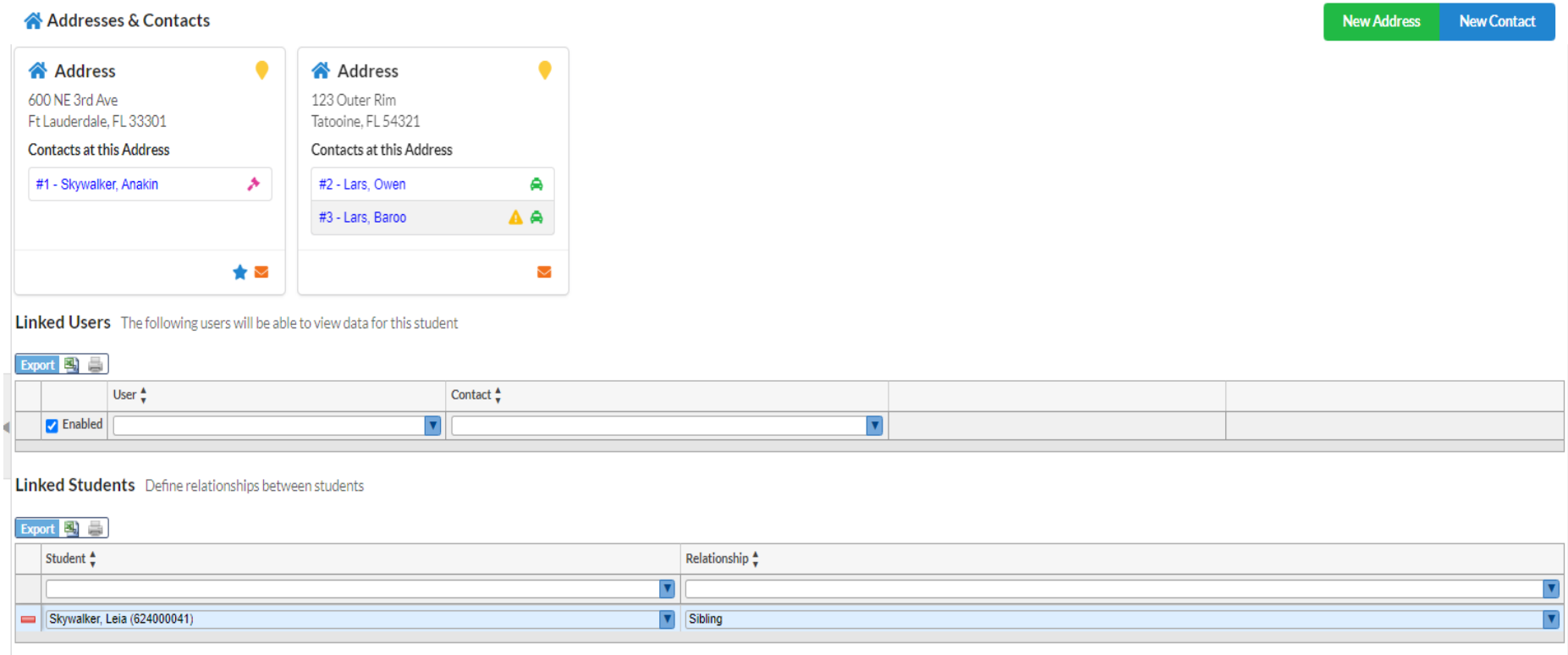
Menu Bar



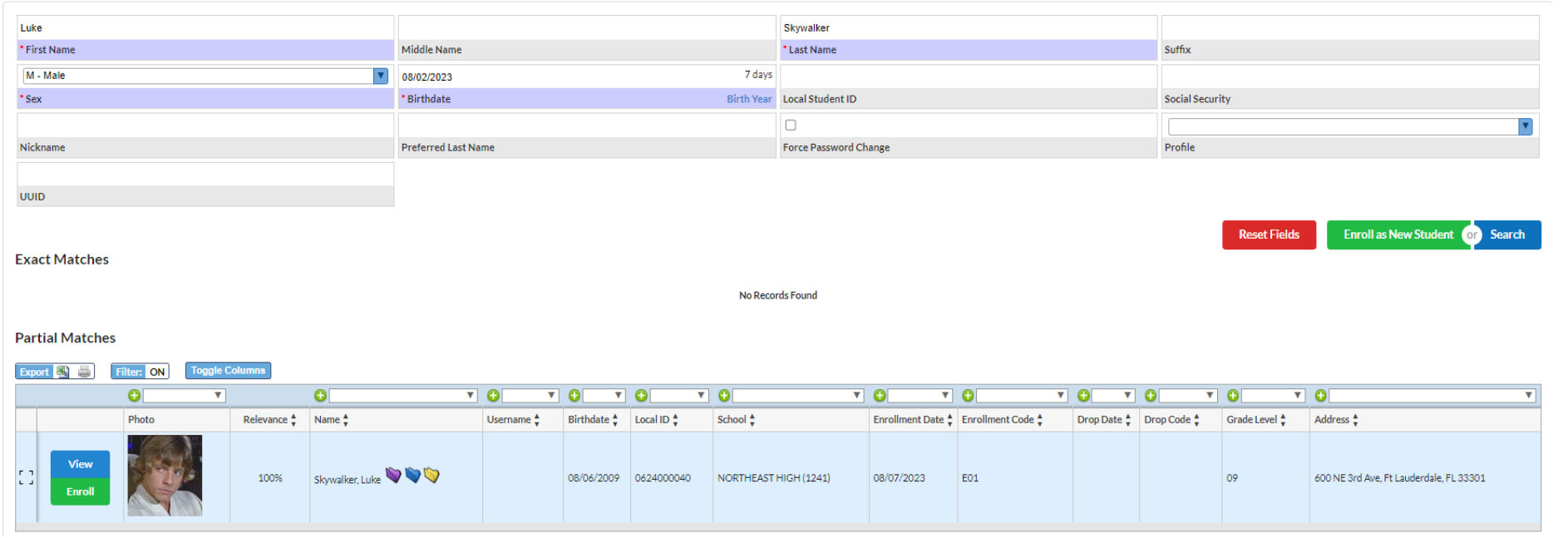
Information Panel



Focus – Addresses & Contacts



Focus – Add a Student



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