

Dear Colleagues,

It has come to our attention that while you might have heard about Career Cruising's new version, Xello, you may also be getting additional messages about converting to the Xello version *now*, either through your CAMS login access or in emails directly from the state success managers, Angelina, Mark, or Jose.

Career Cruising is a global company and Wisconsin is not their only customer, so it can be confusing when you see messaging meant for their entire customer base. However, I want to reassure you that Wisconsin is NOT requiring you to transition to the Xello platform at this time. ONLY the Green Bay Area Public Schools and Appleton Area School District are voluntarily piloting the Xello version in 2017-18. Once the pilot year is completed, we will then ask for additional early adopters to consider transitioning from the current Career Cruising version 2.0 platform to the Career Cruising version 3.0 Xello platform in 2018-19.

Similar to a Microsoft Office version changes, Xello is Career Cruising's NEW version. It looks different and features may be accessed differently, however most of the functionality is still intact. The next two years will be used to gather feedback, make adjustments, and ensure that the FULL functionality, that you currently enjoy, is available. Eventually, the older Career Cruising version 2.0 will go away, requiring all districts to upgrade to the version 3.0 Xello platform. However, we do NOT anticipate this to occur before school year 2019-2020. AND, just like with the initial roll-out, Career Cruising will host, through the CESAs, Xello trainings to assist staff to transition to the new platform, PRIOR to required transition, in 2018-19.

Please know that I understand your concerns and the angst that these kind of version changes can cause. Furthermore, this information will need to be taken into consideration if you are building additional resources in your school to use Career Cruising version 2.0. As always, the ACP Team reminds you that Career Cruising and Xello are just tools for delivering Academic and Career Planning (ACP). The ACP process that your district develops should continue to focus on the scope and sequence of activities to help students explore and plan for postsecondary life no matter the tool or electronic platform that you use.

For a demo of the Xello version, feel free to [join a webcast](#) with company founders Matt McQuillen and Jeff Harris to hear first-hand about Xello on October 18, 2017 at 10:00 AM CST. This webinar will likely be recorded and a link posted on our website once available at: <https://dpi.wi.gov/acp/wicareercruising>. You can also visit Xello now at <https://xello.world/en/> for some sneak peeks.

Sincerely,
The DPI ACP Team