GoGuardian Teacher Interface Updates
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Why was this update needed?
In order to continue to improve GoGuardian Teacher and to make your web application far more performant, we had to modernize our codebase. In doing so, we made some small UI/UX changes that greatly improve the usability of GoGuardian Teacher.

What has changed?
While the UI looks a little different, the functionality is generally the same. In fact, many aspects of the product are more visible and easier to use than the last version. Slides 5 - 13 will detail the changes in GoGuardian Teacher.
FAQ for GoGuardian Teacher Interface Updates

**How am I being supported?**
All of the support documentation in the help center has been updated. While we are currently working on updating the training videos, take a look at this [quick video overview](#) of the new interface.

**What if I have questions or concerns?**
Please reach out to your customer success manager or our support team. We are happy to work with you to resolve any issues.
Refined Navigation

- The global navigation, the menu that pops out from clicking the hamburger menu in the top left, was often very cluttered for teachers, especially if you had many classes and scenes. This required scrolling to access different parts of the nav and also hid links to student reports and email preferences if the list of classes/scenes got too long.

- The new global nav is significantly less cluttered -- this was commonly reported and enjoyed by teachers in user testing we conducted.

Before

After
Different account settings lived in different parts of the navigation making it hard to know where to expect account level settings. To make for a more consistent experience, we've located them all in the same place.
Easier to Archive & Restore Classrooms

- You used to have to (1) click a classroom card (2) navigate to the settings tab and (3) find the archive classroom button. Now, the archive button is directly on the classroom card.
Commands from Student Tile

- To perform a command for an individual student, other than lock screen, you used to have to click the "All" checkbox, and then deselect many students (it selects all students by default) and finally click one of the gray commands.

- All commands are now accessible by clicking the three dot context menu in the top right corner of the student tile. This includes chat, as long as it's enabled.

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**Before**

- Clicking all was the only way to perform commands.
- Lock command.

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**After**

- All commands are accessible by clicking the context menu.
- Chat is enabled, as long as it's enabled.
New Enlarged Student Screen

- It's a natural part of the teacher workflow to intervene when they enlarge a student screen and see they're off-task. The new UI gives teachers access to commands from enlarged screen view which makes it easier to find commands and interact with the student.

- The modal used to force the users to scroll down so the other tabs students were on would hang off the bottom of the page. Tabs are now on the side so that users don't have to scroll to view all tabs.
Clicking Favicons Opens Up Tabs in a New Window

- Teachers often click a student's screen, view the other tabs they have open, and then open one or more of those tabs in a new window to see what they're looking at. The new version makes that process much faster as they can click the favicons to open those tabs in a new window without having to enlarge the student's screen.
Active Class Session Shortcut

- We discovered that the most common path in the product is to go from different pages in the product to your active classroom session. We've made this much easier, you no longer have to click on the hamburger menu and then your active classroom, you just have to click the green active class text and icon.
Timeline View Improvements

- You can now use the trackpad to side scroll through the timeline in addition to clicking and dragging.
- This also allows us to use smooth scrolling and momentum, meaning the faster you swipe your fingers on the trackpad, the faster you scroll through the timeline.
- The timeline view should also load faster now due to an upgrade to the tech we used to render the timeline.
- Timeline controls stick to the top of the page when you scroll down to see students below the fold.
Many classes have co-teachers that share a Google Classroom. A Google Classroom can only be imported once, which can be confusing for the teacher that tries to import the Google Classroom after it has already been imported. Providing more information about who imported the class and when should resolve this confusion.
Again, if you have any **questions or concerns**, please reach out to your customer success representative.
Thank you for using GoGuardian Teacher™
Thank you!