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PEARSON SCHOOL SYSTEMS ADDS NEW REPORTING, ANALYSIS AND ACCESS TOOLS TO PEARSON INFORM

*Newest Release Provides Immediate Access
to Decision-Critical Student Performance Data*

MESA, Ariz. – Sept. 27, 2005 – Pearson School Systems, the leading provider of student information, management and performance assessment systems for K-12 schools, has unveiled the newest release of Pearson Inform, its comprehensive, Web-based analysis and decision-support solution for accessible and effective reporting on student, school and district performance.

Pearson Inform v3.3 design and navigation enhancements allow teachers and administrators to access decision-critical information with one or two mouse clicks. An improved user-interface allows the organization of reports into customized folders along with other sophisticated capabilities for power-users and simplifies access to information for all educators. Pearson Inform v3.3 includes significant feature/functionality additions as well.

For example, educators can now control more of their own data analysis requirements through a feature that allows them to import assessment results and formats directly into Pearson Inform. They can also now analyze test results by item response, print reports for multiple classes or schools at a time and print student performance profiles for an entire class, with a single mouse click.

Other new features include the ability to use dynamic student lists derived from performance reports to create instant intervention groups and to customize the demographic attributes reported on those groups.

“Pearson Inform is a technologically-advanced solution that has quickly resonated with administrators and teachers because it allows them to harness the power of their own data,” said Mike Evans, president, Pearson School Systems. “The new capabilities we’ve added in version 3.3 will make it even easier for schools to compile a clear picture of where they are and where they need to go. It also enables parents and students to participate more fully in academic improvement. Overall, Pearson Inform is an excellent example of what our company is all about: Delivering and supporting leading-edge student information and assessment products to meet the needs of K-12 education.”

About Pearson Inform

Leveraging data from multiple sources such as student information systems, assessment systems and data warehouses, Pearson Inform captures, shares and reports on a variety of student and assessment information, including student demographics, state tests, standardized tests, district tests and more. It further enables districts and schools to perform comparative and longitudinal analysis based on aggregate and disaggregate performance data driven by the No Child Left Behind Act and state requirements.

About Pearson School Systems

Pearson School Systems (PSS) is changing the face of K-12 student performance and information management through its offering of tightly integrated, mission critical district enterprise solutions. Through its innovative digital solutions, PSS is dedicated to helping schools perform and students succeed. Its all-encompassing product lineup includes SASI the widely

acclaimed, comprehensive student information system; Pearson Centerpoint; the multi-platform, Web-based student information and performance management system; CIMS® the comprehensive finance, human resources, and student information system; Pearson Inform, the achievement data analysis and decision support tool; and Pearson Benchmark, the customizable, Web-based district benchmark testing solution. PSS is a business unit of Pearson Education, the world's leading integrated education company, which in turn is part of Pearson (NYSE: PSO), the international media company. For more information please visit:

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