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## Pearson Launches Chancery SMS 6.6

*- New technology delivers improvements in performance and usability -*

FOLSOM, CA - July 2, 2007 - Pearson today announced the launch of the latest version of its award-winning, enterprise-class student information system (SIS), Chancery SMS 6.6. Chancery SMS is the leading SIS developed specifically to address the unique needs of the country's largest school districts and the only SIS proven capable of effectively automating student management processes, such as attendance and grades, at two of the top 10 largest school districts nationwide. Version 6.6 features several architectural improvements to ensure the highest levels of performance and scalability - two areas of critical importance to large-scale school districts - as well as overall system enhancements to improve usability and key system functionality.

"We understand the needs and challenges facing today's largest school districts, and have mastered the fine art of implementing high performance, scalable solutions that advance overall student achievement and transform educational communities," said Mary McCaffrey, President, School Systems. "With Chancery SMS 6.6, we're able to combine the latest technologies with our deep heritage in helping large-scale school districts to increase overall usability and ensure Chancery SMS will grow seamlessly alongside our customer's performance and student information management needs - now and in the future."

Chancery SMS 6.6 delivers on Pearson's longstanding commitment to its customers and focus on providing intuitive and innovative tools for advancing student achievement. Many of the enhancements made in Chancery SMS 6.6 are in direct response to customer feedback and requests.

Key feature enhancements in Chancery SMS 6.6 include:

- Student and Staff Pages re-write - Reduces the amount of scrolling required on these pages, better organizes key data, and allows for a new tab design, which allows for greater consolidation of data among various pages.
- Customization enhancements to registration/enrollment, student and staff pages - Extended customization capabilities allows customers to build out these pages based on their data tracking requirements
- Schema/UI Management & Extension - In earlier versions of Chancery SMS, newly created cTools fields were added directly to the core Chancery SMS schemas.
- In Chancery SMS 6.6, the framework has been changed to restrict the addition of custom fields to core schemas to avoid losses in data integrity and unnecessary confusion. The user interface has also been enhanced to make customizations more organized and intuitive.
- Safari Support - Chancery SMS 6.6 supports the Internet Safari browser on Macintosh computers accessing Chancery SMS.

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- Windows IE7 Support - Chancery SMS support Internet Explorer 7 on computers accessing Chancery SMS.
- SQL Server 2005 support - Chancery SMS 6.6 introduces a reporting database separate from the Chancery SMS database to reduce the time needed to run reports and avoid instances where reporting impedes overall database performance.

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