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## **Chancery SMS Receives SIF 1.5 Certification**

**FOLSOM, CA — October 30, 2006** — Chancery SMS<sup>®</sup>, a leading enterprise-class Student Information System, offered by Pearson School Systems, has met the Schools Interoperability Framework (SIF) conformance requirements and has been awarded SIF 1.5 certification. This certification confirms the advanced capabilities of Chancery SMS for integration with other core student business systems enabling districts to meet their student information requirements.

“Today's larger districts are looking for an enterprise-wide solution that will act as the core system—working in harmony with other data-rich instructional and operational systems—to more comprehensively support the business of education. We uphold the interoperability goals of SIF and see SIF compliance as an important tool to help our customers integrate Chancery SMS with instructional management, assessment, transportation, health, food service, library, and similar applications,” said Mary McCaffrey, President, Pearson School Systems.

Chancery SMS supports district-wide needs for student information, enrollment, attendance, and scheduling data, as well as the cross-functional requirements of departments performing a wide variety of tasks. From the routine need for a cross-district household mailing list to ensuring lunch and transportation systems remain current with student demographic data, Chancery SMS is designed to be at the core of these systems. In the instructional setting, Chancery SMS can unify assessment and curriculum systems, to provide educators with immediate and comprehensive student information that supports individual student achievement.

Leading metropolitan school districts, including Chicago Public Schools and Houston Independent School District, selected Chancery SMS for its extensibility, integration, and broad range of abilities to track records in larger districts.

### **SIF Benefits Schools and Districts**

The Schools Interoperability Framework (SIF) is an industry standard that promotes enhanced education for students of all learning styles by creating a seamless and automatic integration of disparate K-12 applications. Data entered into Chancery SMS is propagated to all connecting SIF-certified applications. Now districts can:

- *Share data more effectively.* SIF makes it easier for educators to share data between SIF-complaint applications.
- *Reduce data entry errors.* Data is entered only once and propagated to all connecting applications. This reduces duplicate data entry which inevitably helps districts save time, increase funding, streamline operations, and focus on what's important – student learning.
- *Improve student learning through comprehensive reporting and analysis.* Data shared between applications is more accessible and meaningful. Districts can more effectively assess student performance and provide targeted curriculum based on individual learning styles.

**About Pearson School Systems**

Pearson School Systems is advancing student learning through its highly interoperable enterprise solutions for student information management. As the market leader in K12 technology innovations, Pearson School Systems supports about 20 million students with a product lineup that includes PowerSchool Premier, Chancery SMS, Mac School, Win School, SASI and CIMS. Pearson Inform, the achievement data analysis and decision support tool rounds out a solution set designed to provide administrators, teachers, students, and parents with comprehensive software options that are easy-to-use and can be customized to meet a wide range of end-user needs. All Pearson School Systems products are fully supported with training and the finest customer support services in the industry. Pearson School Systems is a business of Pearson Education, the world's leading integrated education company. Pearson Education is part of Pearson (NYSE:PSO), the international media company. For more information, please visit: [www.pearsonschoolsystems.com](http://www.pearsonschoolsystems.com)