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## **Pearson Inform 4.0 Boasts New Features—Enabling Districts and Schools to Better Access, Report, and Analyze Critical Student Data**

**FOLSOM, CA – January 17, 2007** – Pearson School Systems, a business of Pearson Education, the world’s leading integrated education company, today announced the release of Pearson Inform 4.0. This powerful, web-based, achievement data analysis and decision support tool provides districts and schools with the information they need to measure progress and improve performance.

Pearson Inform 4.0 introduces several system enhancements focused on providing more comprehensive analysis of student data, improved system administration, greater integration with student information systems (SIS), and increased system integrity.

With more enhanced information, educators can report and analyze performance data to identify areas of strength and weakness; monitor progress against district, state, and federal standards; evaluate the effectiveness of instructional programs, and target assistance for students, teachers, and schools.

“Pearson Inform 4.0 gives educators and administrators a performance data library that enables them to quickly and easily access, report, and analyze a complete range of student assessment results,” said Mary McCaffrey, President, Pearson School Systems. “We’ve added new features to make this tool even more powerful, helping educators and administrators significantly improve overall student performance.”

Pearson Inform 4.0 enhancements streamline the overall analysis and reporting process by giving administrators and educators greater insight into student performance. Key enhancements include:

### ***Student Achievement Data Analysis***

- Support for multiple score methods per assessment
- Support for historical schedule data for comparing class performance across school years
- Support for comparing individual student achievement to state test score averages
- Expanded Roster Reporting

### ***System Administration***

- Enhanced report display and printer-friendliness
- Enhanced functionality of the Report Library, allowing school and district leaders to pre-define reports and share them with teachers and other administrators
- Batch reporting by school and classroom - On a single command, the system displays defined reports for every pertinent school or classroom
- Enhanced report display and improved printer friendliness
- Export of student-drill-down lists to Excel

### ***System Integrity***

- Optimized query for high-volume reports
- Queuing and messaging for batch reports
- Faster response time and performance
- Improved application/database failover protection

Pearson Inform is available through Pearson School Systems and Pearson Assessments. For more information please visit the following website:

<http://www.pearsonschoolsystems.com/products/inform/index.htm>

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