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**Illinois District Chooses Pearson School Systems Products to Help Capture, Report, and Diagnose Student Performance**

*- PowerSchool Premier paired with Pearson Inform, will provide Rich Township with unparalleled student data analysis -*

**Folsom, CA - May 4, 2007** - Pearson School System, a business of Pearson Education—the world’s leading integrated education company—today announced that Rich Township High School District 227 (over 4,000 students) of Olympia Fields, Illinois is implementing both PowerSchool Premier and Pearson Inform, to more effectively capture student data, report on the information, and diagnose where students need extra help or modifications to their curriculum.

PowerSchool Premier is an easy-to-use, web-based, Student Information System (SIS) with embedded functionality and lower administrative costs. Pearson Inform is a powerful data analysis and decision support tool that provides K-12 educators with the information they need to measure progress and improve district and school performance. Together, these products provide an unprecedented student data analysis solution:

- Districts **capture** student data through PowerSchool Premier
- Pearson Inform provides a dashboard to **report** on the information, transforming the raw data into detailed assessment information
- Based on the information gathered in the reports, districts can **diagnose** areas in which students require assistance or curriculum modifications

“PowerSchool Premier and Pearson Inform will provide us with the data and dashboard needed to view and manipulate information in order to generate a clearer picture of each student’s abilities and achievements,” said Superintendent Howard Hunigan, Rich Township. “We are excited about the amount of data we will be able to capture and work with. These solutions will provide us with previously unavailable critical information to more accurately pinpoint student achievement and instructional requirements.”

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These two applications will allow Rich Township to effectively manage a nurturing educational environment that accurately assesses each student's strengths and weaknesses and leverages this information to maximize every student's potential.

“The integration of PowerSchool Premier and Pearson Inform has opened up a whole new world of information to districts,” said Mary McCaffrey, President, Pearson School Systems. “Working together, these products provide key performance information, enabling educators to more effectively identify areas in which students need help or require a change in curriculum.”

The district plans to begin implementing PowerSchool Premier immediately, followed by Pearson Inform.

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