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Nova Scotia Selects Pearson's PowerSchool® as New Student Information System

RANCHO CORDOVA, Calif.—Mar. 10, 2010 Pearson today announced that the Canadian province of Nova Scotia has selected Pearson's PowerSchool as its new web-based student information system (SIS). Pearson's PowerSchool will serve Nova Scotia's more than 133,000 students and 418 schools.

Through its robust set of communications tools, PowerSchool will provide access to secure, real-time, student information through a web browser—effectively creating an interactive and stronger dialogue between parents, students, and teachers. Additionally, PowerSchool includes the award-winning PowerTeacher application, which will provide teachers with a consistent toolset throughout the province.

“We selected PowerSchool because it provides the necessary features and functions for our schools to efficiently and effectively manage core operations and reporting,” said John Fahie, Director, IT Services for the Nova Scotia Department of Education.

Nova Scotia teachers will be able to use PowerSchool to enrich lesson plans and enhance communications with students and parents, in addition to completing outcomes tracking through the system. Administrators will have new opportunities to track student risk factors such as truancy and behavior issues, in one computer system, allowing them to quickly provide resources to struggling students.

“We are pleased to welcome Nova Scotia as a PowerSchool customer,” stated Paul Fletcher, President of the School Systems group of Pearson. “By choosing PowerSchool, Nova Scotia creates an open, integrated solution within their province that allows adaptation to the ever-evolving educational technology landscape.”

Nova Scotia will begin implementing PowerSchool this spring and summer. By fall 2010, Pearson will provide Nova Scotia with a PowerSchool French translation tool kit, that will allow the application to be used in both French and English, as well as a student mobility function to allow the system to transfer student records between divisions in Nova Scotia.

For more information about PowerSchool, please visit www.PearsonSchoolSystems.com.

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