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**Aldine ISD Selects Pearson's Chancery® SMS as
New Student Information System**

RANCHO CORDOVA, Calif. - June 17, 2009 - Pearson, the global leader in education and education technology, today announced that Aldine Independent School District (Aldine ISD) in the Houston, TX, area has selected Pearson's Chancery SMS as its new web-based student information system (SIS). Under the SASI Customer First program, Aldine ISD will be migrating from Pearson's SASI system to Chancery SMS. The program offers existing SASI customers access to Chancery SMS or PowerSchool Premier with no-charge license fees. Chancery SMS will serve Aldine ISD's over 62,000 students.

Aldine ISD selected Chancery SMS as its comprehensive SIS because they have an established relationship with Pearson and feel that Pearson will continue to provide a quality product. Additionally, Aldine ISD will now benefit from the technological enhancements available by migrating to a web-based, centralized system like Chancery SMS.

"We look forward to moving from DB4 format to SQL," explained Candice Moore, the Executive Director of Student Services. "We also look forward to having all of our data in one installation for the ease of upgrades, the centralization of records, and other processes that are key to large districts' student data management systems."

Chancery SMS is an established, robust, web-based system that has been enhanced by six generations of customer-focused development and is currently implemented in five of the 25 largest school districts in the United States. The award-winning Chancery SMS provides districts with the tools and capabilities they need to create a powerful framework for student achievement. In addition to providing the means to easily complete tasks such as enrollment, scheduling, and attendance, Chancery SMS offers the functionality necessary for Texas districts to complete their PEIMS reporting requirements for the Texas Education Authority (TEA).

"At Pearson, we appreciate the opportunity to continue our partnership with Aldine ISD as they migrate from SASI to Chancery SMS," said Paul Fletcher, President of the School Systems group of Pearson. "The SASI Customer First program is allowing districts like Aldine ISD to implement state-of-the-art technology at a lower cost investment. With Chancery SMS, Aldine ISD will

have the framework and scalability to keep pace with the ever-evolving education technology landscape.”

Aldine ISD expects to complete the implementation of Chancery SMS by July of 2010. For more information about Pearson and Chancery SMS, please visit www.PearsonSchoolSystems.com.

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