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Ann Arbor Public Schools to Implement PowerSchool Premier Student Information System in the District's 32 Schools; Serving Nearly 17,000 Students

- Real-time information for administrators, teachers, students and parents will enable more opportunities for student success in the classroom -

FOLSOM, CA - April 10, 2007 - Pearson School Systems today announced that Ann Arbor Public Schools (AAPS) in Ann Arbor, Michigan, has selected PowerSchool Premier as its new web-based student information system (SIS). The SIS will serve Ann Arbor's 32 schools and support nearly 17,000 students. The implementation is expected to launch in spring 2007.

AAPS selected PowerSchool Premier as the district's comprehensive SIS, based on its longstanding reputation for success, ease of use, customizability, and ability to standardize student data district wide - all of which are critical features for both schools and districts alike.

"PowerSchool Premier enables all stakeholders within Ann Arbor Public Schools to advance student accomplishments by providing a web-based, customized view into individual student progress every day. The increased functionality of PowerSchool Premier made this an easy decision," said Todd Roberts, Superintendent of AAPS. "As the SIS market leader, we are confident Pearson's longstanding industry expertise and comprehensive product offerings, such as PowerSchool, will provide the most effective solutions to accomplish our student information management goals. We consider Pearson a valuable partner capable of growing alongside our evolving student information needs."

Pearson will work closely with the AAPS technology and administration staff to determine the full implementation timeline for bringing various constituency groups "live" on to the system.

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“We are looking forward to implementing PowerSchool Premier at Ann Arbor Public Schools,” said Mary McCaffrey, President, Pearson School Systems. “The district realizes the value a product such as PowerSchool will bring to their decision-making processes. They also understand that our commitment to customers extends not only through our product set, but also through the services, support, and training we offer.”

PowerSchool Premier will provide administrators, teachers, students, and parents with real-time student data to enable increased opportunities for student success in the classroom. With PowerSchool Premier’s innovative communication tools, parents and students can access secure student information online, including real-time attendance reports, updated test grades, detailed assignment descriptions, school bulletins, lunch menus, and personal messages directly from teachers. Additionally, PowerSchool Premier allows teachers and administrators to move beyond the traditional grade book-style of reporting by enabling an interactive dialogue with parents and students related to overall student achievement and streamlining various administrative tasks that allow for increased attention to individual student needs.

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About Ann Arbor Public School District

The Ann Arbor Public School District serves the City of Ann Arbor and parts of eight surrounding townships covering 125 square miles. The district has 20 elementary schools, one K-8 open school, five middle schools, two comprehensive high schools, three alternative high schools, one pre-school and one adult education program. As of September 2006, enrollment totaled 16,680 (excluding adult education and a portion of pre-school). The district employs 3,000 full and part-time staff members. Approximately 76 percent of the teaching staff holds a master's degree or above. The district serves a diverse ethnic and socioeconomic population of students with over 36 different countries represented by students in the district. The Ann Arbor Public Schools has opened a new preschool and family center and will open Skyline High School, a comprehensive high school with a magnet program, in September 2008. Every school in the district is undergoing facility renovations and updates to be completed over the next four years. For more information, please visit www.aaps.k12.mi.us.

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