

Press Release

Pearson and PCG Education Collaborate to Help Schools Meet the Needs of Special-Education Students

PCG Education's EasyIEP Now Integrated With PowerSchool Student Information System

RANCHO CORDOVA, Calif. - Sept. 19, 2011 – Today Pearson announced an agreement with PCG Education to provide PowerSchool, the industry-leading student information system (SIS), with robust, integrated functionality to address the special-education needs of today's schools and districts.

PCG Education is a leading provider of comprehensive, web-based student case management solutions for special education. The company's EasyIEP™ application serves more than 824,000 special-education students in over 2,000 districts in the United States. EasyIEP™ has a robust feature set that helps districts successfully plan, implement and manage students' individualized education plans (IEP) in a manner that increases teachers' time with students and helps districts to achieve federal and state compliance.

"We are very excited about this partnership, as it allows us to provide integrated IEP management and special-education capabilities within PowerSchool," said Paul Fletcher, president, School Systems group of Pearson. "We believe that coupling EasyIEP with PowerSchool will allow us to bring unrivaled student data management and compliance capabilities to the broad student populations served by both PowerSchool and EasyIEP."

PCG Education closely tracks changes to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and continually adapts EasyIEP to meet the changing needs of education stakeholders, including teachers, administrators, other education experts and parents.

"Our strategic relationship with Pearson is a win-win for both parties and, most importantly, for our clients," said Grant Blair, PCG Education director. "We look forward to working with the Pearson team to achieve broader adoption of both PowerSchool and EasyIEP in the marketplace, as we collaborate to more effectively serve client needs with respect to student data management, funding and compliance tracking."

For more information about PowerSchool, visit www.pearsonschoolsanddistricts.com. For more information about PCG Education, visit www.PublicConsultingGroup.com/education.

About Public Consulting Group

Public Consulting Group, Inc. (PCG) is a management consulting firm that serves public sector education, health and human services, and other state and municipal government clients. PCG Education offers consulting solutions that help schools, school districts and state departments of education to promote student success, improve programs and processes, and optimize financial resources. (www.PublicConsultingGroup.com/education)

About Pearson

Pearson (NYSE:PSO), the global leader in education and education technology, provides innovative print and digital education materials for pre-K through college, student information

systems and learning management systems, teacher licensure testing, teacher professional development, career certification programs, and testing and assessment products that set the standard for the industry. Pearson's other primary businesses include the Financial Times Group and the Penguin Group. For more information about the School Systems group of Pearson, visit www.pearsonschoolsystems.com.

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