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**PEARSON LAUNCHES POWERSCHOOL PREMIER 5.2 AT
NATIONAL EDUCATION AND COMPUTING CONFERENCE**

-Announces PowerTeacher integration with Chancery SMS and SASI for Fall 2008 -

RANCHO CORDOVA, Calif. - June 30, 2008 - Pearson today announced the launch of PowerSchool Premier 5.2 at the 29th annual National Education and Computing Conference (NECC) in San Antonio, Texas. The latest version includes multiple system and user interface upgrades. Pearson also announced that the PowerTeacher web-based gradebook will be available for Chancery SMS and SASI in Fall 2008. Integration between PowerSchool Premier and PowerTeacher is already available.

“We are establishing the foundation for what will become a new breed of classroom management tools - tools that will emerge as the preeminent solutions for powering performance in K-12 education,” said Mary McCaffrey, president of the School Systems group of Pearson. “We enjoy an open and ongoing dialogue with our user community. As a result, this PowerSchool Premier upgrade directly responds to specific customer requests and feedback while optimizing the overall user experience. Also, due to the overwhelmingly positive response we’ve received to PowerTeacher, we’re proud to announce that our Chancery SMS and SASI customers will be able to integrate this revolutionary web-based gradebook starting in the Fall 2008.”

PowerSchool Premier 5.2

PowerSchool Premier 5.2 represents the next evolution of the leading web-based student information system. In response to customer feedback, this latest version includes multiple system upgrades and user interface enhancements to create a more immersive and interactive user experience.

Additionally, PowerSchool Premier 5.2 includes support for the Oracle Database. The upgrade to Oracle enables increased scalability and cross-platform capabilities. As a result, PowerSchool Premier will soon be able to run on Intel-based Macintosh hardware - making PowerSchool Premier the only SIS capable of running natively on Mactel servers. Support for the Intel-based Mac hardware for database servers is scheduled for Fall 2008.

PowerSchool Premier is the leading and fastest growing web-based SIS in America today. By leveraging the latest web technologies and evolving web design standards, PowerSchool Premier is designed to maximize end-user adoption while guaranteeing data integrity and security. PowerSchool Premier supports a wide range of schools and districts - from schools as small as 25 students to districts as large as 80,000 students.

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PowerTeacher Availability on Chancery SMS and SASI

As the only education company offering a strategic portfolio of student information solutions, Pearson is committed to the evolving needs of K-12 schools and districts - today and tomorrow. In Fall 2008, the next version of the PowerTeacher web-based gradebook will seamlessly integrate with Pearson's student information systems Chancery SMS and SASI. Integration between PowerSchool Premier and PowerTeacher is already available. So whether a district has 25 students or 400,000 students, they will be able to quickly and easily transition to a next generation classroom management system.

PowerTeacher is a revolutionary gradebook and classroom management tool. It is web-based but not "browser-constrained", thus allowing users to enjoy a particularly rich, intuitive experience. PowerTeacher's easy-to-use yet sophisticated design reflects the thoughtful feedback of thousands of teachers who helped craft this incredible application.

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