

## Press Release

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### **OTTAWA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SELECTS POWERSCHOOL AS NEW STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM**

#### ***System will provide improved data analysis capability***

**RANCHO CORDOVA, Calif. – July 18, 2012** – Pearson, the global leader in education technology and services, announced today that the Ottawa Catholic District School Board has selected PowerSchool as its new web-based student information system (SIS). PowerSchool will serve Ottawa Catholic District's more than 37,000 students.

"What set PowerSchool apart from the competition was the web-based integrated system that really focused on improved access to data for our staff and the improved communication options for our administrators and parental community," said Tom D'Amico, Superintendent of Student Success - Learning Technologies. "PowerSchool was a natural selection for our Board as it aligned well with our 21st Century Learning and Teaching priority."

The Ottawa Catholic District selected PowerSchool as its comprehensive SIS because the new student information system will give the district an opportunity to integrate their processes with a true web-based solution. The District also based its decision on the long-term cost savings of selecting PowerSchool.

"PowerSchool provides our Board with an integrated, full-service, innovative technology that will allow us to focus on student achievement," D'Amico said.

"The Ottawa District also favored PowerSchool because of the richness of the program, the opportunity it provides for integration, and the flexibility it offers for customization," said Aster Laleman, Strategic Accounts Manager for the School Systems group of Pearson.

PowerSchool will serve as the information backbone for the Ottawa Catholic District. Through its robust set of communication tools, PowerSchool will provide access to secure, real-time student information through a web browser. This will create an interactive dialogue between parents, students, and teachers. Additional features, such as master scheduling and reporting tools, will lend substantial efficiencies to the district. "With the right technology infrastructure, educators can make timely, strategic decisions about student performance based on quick and easy access to data," said Paul Fletcher, president of the School Systems group of Pearson. "By selecting PowerSchool now, the Ottawa Catholic District can create an open, integrated solution that enables the district to adapt to the ever-evolving technology landscape of the 21st century."

The Ottawa Catholic District expects to complete the implementation of PowerSchool for all of its schools by the summer of 2012.

For more information on PowerSchool, visit: <http://www.pearsonschoolsystems.com>.

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