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PEARSON SCHOOL SYSTEMS ANNOUNCES SIF 1.5 CERTIFICATION

*Founding SIF Member Offers New Levels of Interoperability for SASI and Centerpoint
Student Information Systems to Meet NCLB Requirements*

MESA, Ariz., – Sept. 14, 2005 – In keeping with its strategy to deliver flexible, interoperable student information solutions, Pearson School Systems today announced the certification by the Schools Interoperability Framework (SIF) Association of SASI, its industry-leading student information system, and Centerpoint, its innovative, real-time, Web-based student information system, for the SIF Application Standard Version 1.5. With the availability of the SIF 1.5 Agent for SASI and Centerpoint, Pearson School Systems offers the most popular and most comprehensive school administrative systems to comply with the recently-launched SIF 1.5 Compliance Program.

One of the key components of SASI and Centerpoint’s SIF 1.5 support is the StudentLocator object, created to fulfill the demands of the No Child Left Behind Act. The need to track the progress of students even when a child transfers from one school district to another has driven states to deploy state ID infrastructures. StudentLocator captures the basic data needs of most states, while leveraging the SIF 1.5 infrastructure extensibility to accommodate any state-specific requirements including local-to-state automated vertical reporting.

“In today’s mobile society, school districts must face the challenge of tracking student progress across both time and distance,” said Mike Evans, president, Pearson School Systems. “Pearson School Systems has adopted the SIF 1.5 standard to help educators meet those challenges, while simultaneously allowing them to streamline their IT

operations and make the most of their data applications and resources through tighter integration.”

Developed by Utah-based Edustructures, the leading SIF development and integration company, the SIF 1.5 Agents for SASI and Centerpoint can be installed on a single central server or locally at each SASI server. The SIF agents regularly check for database changes and sends any changes to a SIF Zone Integration Server (ZIS) where they are dispersed to other SIF-enabled applications, as appropriate, in real-time. A single agent is able to service an entire school district. Schools must acquire an agent for each application that will participate in their SIF Zone (the grouping of SIF-related software applications).

About Pearson School Systems

Pearson School Systems (PSS) is impacting K-12 student performance and district information management through its offering of integrated district enterprise solutions. These innovative, digital solutions help schools perform and students succeed. Pearson School System's portfolio includes student information solutions such as SASI, Pearson Centerpoint, and CIMS®, reporting solutions such as Pearson Inform, and assessment solutions such as Pearson Benchmark.

Pearson School Systems is a business of Pearson Education, the world's leading integrated education company, which in turn is part of Pearson (NYSE: PSO) the international media company. For more information, please visit

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About Edustructures

The education industry's first independent SIF application integrator, Edustructures develops comprehensive application integration solutions built upon the Schools Interoperability Framework (SIF) standard for K-12 school districts and state Departments of Education. Edustructures is the first company dedicated to delivering a truly independent enterprise application integration platform built on the SIF standard. Through its SIFWorks® technology platform, comprehensive professional services, and

business relationships with technology providers and educators, Edustructures connects the systems that power education. Contact Steve Curtis, president of Edustructures, at scurtis@edustructures.com or 1-877-790-1261 ext. 912, or visit www.edustructures.com

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