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**Westside Union Elementary School District Selects Pearson's  
PowerSchool® Premier as New Student Information System**

**RANCHO CORDOVA, Calif. -June 16, 2009** - Pearson, the global leader in education and education technology, today announced that Westside Union Elementary School District in Quartz Hill, Calif., has selected Pearson's PowerSchool Premier as its new web-based student information system (SIS). Under the SASI Customer First program, Westside will be migrating from Pearson's SASI system to PowerSchool. The program offers existing SASI customers access to PowerSchool Premier with no-charge license fees. PowerSchool will serve Westside Union Elementary School District's nearly 9,000 students.

"After looking at the competition, it was obvious that Pearson had the best student information system on the market," said Westside Union Elementary School District's SIS Coordinator, Suzanne Banks. "[PowerSchool Premier] is user-friendly, web-based, centralized, and fully customizable, four major features that we were looking for. Couple that with their experience in the education field, and we believe they have met all of our needs. Communication between our parents and staff is so important today, and we feel that Pearson has provided the perfect tool we need to make this happen."

According to Banks, Westside was previously facing the limitations of an SIS that was based on old technology, which made it difficult to keep up with today's needs. PowerSchool Premier's infrastructure will promote and enable more effective communication between Westside's staff and parents through the parent portal, bulletins, and email notifications.

Westside Union Elementary School District is excited to experience the following benefits with PowerSchool:

- The flexibility provided by a web-based system
- SIF compatibility, eliminating duplication of data entry into other databases
- Integration of teacher gradebooks, attendance, and student and staff information that will allow them to collect the most accurate, real-time data available to meet state reporting requirements

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“Through the SASI Customer First program, SASI districts like Westside already own the licenses to PowerSchool Premier. This brings state-of-the-art technology to districts at a lower cost investment,” said Paul Fletcher, President of the School Systems group of Pearson. “We are very pleased to see districts like Westside take advantage of this program, as it ultimately paves the way to success for students, parents, teachers, and administrators.”

PowerSchool will serve as the information backbone for Westside Union Elementary School District. Through its robust set of communications tools, PowerSchool will provide access to secure, real-time, student information through a web browser - effectively creating an interactive dialogue between parents, students, and teachers. Additional benefits, such as master scheduling and reporting capabilities, will lend substantial efficiencies to the district.

Westside Union School District expects to complete the implementation of PowerSchool by fall 2009.

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