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**Spokane School District 81 Selects Pearson's PowerSchool® Premier
as New Student Information System**

- Pearson announced today that Spokane School District 81 in Spokane, Wash., has selected Pearson's PowerSchool Premier as its new web-based student information system (SIS). -

RANCHO CORDOVA, Calif.—July 15, 2009 — Pearson, the global leader in education and education technology, announced today that Spokane School District 81, the second largest district in the state of Washington, has decided to upgrade its student information system from SASI to PowerSchool® Premier. The system will be implemented district-wide by the 2010 school year, supporting 52 schools and special programs and approximately 30,000 students.

Spokane joins several other Washington school districts successfully using PowerSchool Premier including Mead, Pasco, Kennewick, Richland, Sunnyside, Peninsula, and Central Kitsap.

"After a 16-month process of researching different vendor solutions and surveying what other school districts in Washington were deploying, we chose PowerSchool Premier as the best replacement option for SASI," said Ken Brown, Executive Director of Technology at Spokane. "PowerSchool offers the features and functions that the district needed alongside the best combination of web-based ease-of-use, adherence to standards, depth of support for customization, and the lowest cost."

"We were also pleased with Pearson's approach to project planning, training and implementation support services, and continued support for standards-based grading, assessments, and reporting," said Brown.

As a Pearson customer for more than 10 years, Spokane's upgrade to PowerSchool Premier is part of Pearson's SASI Customer First Program. This program is designed to reward the loyalty of Pearson's long-term SASI customers by providing them with an updated technology infrastructure that can grow alongside their student information management needs now and well into the future.

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PowerSchool Premier's centralized, web-based solution—which can be accessed anytime, anywhere—allows district users to store data in one location and seamlessly generate attendance records, grade checks, report cards, and transcripts.

As a school district committed to partnering with its constituents, Spokane will be able to work more closely with parents, students, and staff to improve student performance through Pearson's PowerSchool Premier. Spokane parents and students will be able to access assignments, grades, and attendance data via the Internet. Moreover, educators will only need to enter grades once into their web-based gradebooks. With less data entry, educators will have more time to focus on teaching and preparing lesson plans.

"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 Spokane School District] can create an open, integrated solution that enables the district to adapt to the ever-evolving technology landscape of the 21st century."

PowerSchool Premier is the first student information system designed from the ground up as a web-based solution and offers easy access to real-time data via a standard web browser on a Mac or PC. For more information on PowerSchool Premier, log on to www.PearsonSchoolSystems.com.

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