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Edustructures Releases National Transcript Center (NTC) Version 3.0 to Help Students and Parents Quickly Obtain School Transcripts Online Anytime

Transformational Electronic PK-12 Student Record and Transcript Exchange System Provides Consumer-facing www.orderatranscript.com, Helping Guidance Counselors and Registrars Better Serve Constituents

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah - November 11, 2009 - Edustructures, part of the Pearson Assessment & Information group, today announced the availability of National Transcript Center (NTC) v3.0, an enhanced offering of the industry's most comprehensive solution for securely obtaining or exchanging electronic student records and transcripts online.

New to this offering of NTC is www.orderatranscript.com, a web-based transcript-ordering interface that allows parents and students to order official transcripts at their convenience, 24/7, even when schools are closed. Use of www.orderatranscript.com also streamlines the transcript fulfillment process for school guidance counselors and registrars. The technology automates the student/parent request verification, while providing an audit trail for the school and transcript order confirmation to the requesting student or parent. Because all transcript ordering steps are completed online, the cost and time involved in processing requests is eliminated, providing critical demand support and resource savings during the high volume October-through-January transcript-ordering season.

"NTC v3.0 allows school counselors and registrars to offer the utmost in 'customer service' to parents and students while reducing administrative burden," said Steve Curtis, president of Edustructures. "In an era of shrinking budgets and growing demands, the NTC Orderatranscript.com functionality allows schools to fulfill an important service in the most efficient and economical manner possible."

"Orderatranscript.com offers an opportunity to reduce an unthinkable amount of paper waste while meeting the needs of our constituents, all with a system that is more secure, more efficient, and saves money for school districts," said L. Russ Brawn, chief operations officer, California School Information Services (FCMAT/CSIS). "We are pleased to see this functionality added to the CSIS Transcript Center which will have a positive impact for California public schools, parents and students, and the environment."

In addition to the Orderatranscript.com functionality, NTC v3.0 provides enhanced support for SIF interoperability, providing translation between SIF and other transcript standards including the Postsecondary Electronic Standards Council (PESC) High School Transcript XML standard.

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Currently, the NTC solution serves more than 15 million students under statewide contracts in California, Colorado, Iowa, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia and Wyoming, representing more than 25,000 education institutions.

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About Edustructures

Edustructures, a Pearson company (NYSE: PSO), is the recognized leader in enterprise interoperability solutions for the PK-20 education market. Through its SIFWorks® integration platform, National Transcript Center solution, comprehensive professional services, and relationships with business partners and educators, Edustructures connects the systems that power education. For more information about Edustructures, please visit www.edustructures.com.

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