

Pearson School Systems and Computer Automation Systems, Inc. announce partnership

CAS's Market-Leading Special Education Management Solution, SEAS, Expands Scope of Pearson's Leading Student Information Systems -- Centerpoint and SASI

MESA, Ariz. & MOUNTAIN HOME, Ark . – Sept. 7, 2005 – Pearson School Systems, the market leader in student information and assessment solutions for PreK-12 education, and Computer Automation Systems, Inc., the market leader in special education management solutions, today announced a partnership agreement in which Pearson School Systems will offer CAS's industry-leading SEAS™ solution with its student management solutions to school districts nationwide.

A 100 percent Web-based product, SEAS is designed to provide ease-of-use for teachers, while delivering the functionality needed to easily manage forms and reports tied to state-standard curriculum, related services tracking, reporting and analysis, and Medicaid billing. The partnership with Computer Automation Systems supports Pearson School Systems' strategy to deliver feature rich student information systems and assessment functionality based on its advanced industry knowledge and expertise, while creating best-of-breed partnerships with other industry leaders.

“We are excited to offer the best special education management capabilities available to our customers, who leverage student data to improve the performance of every student in their districts,” said Mike Evans, president, Pearson School Systems. “We've made a commitment to deliver the best available solutions through our own expertise or through partnerships with other industry leaders. Computer Automation Systems has demonstrated clear leadership with the development of a sophisticated, Web-based product and in its commitment to customer service.”

With the reauthorization of the IDEA act in December, school districts are experiencing rapid changes and are under more pressure than ever to demonstrate outcomes and accountability in their special needs populations. The increasing complexity of special education legislation led Pearson School Systems to choose a partner to provide a sophisticated, automated system that will work in conjunction with their student information systems to accurately and efficiently manage the special education subgroup.

“Change is a constant in special education,” said Harvey Hughes, president, Computer Automation. “We have a proven track record of keeping our solution current and compliant regardless of the timing or complexity of requirements changes. We know that Pearson School Systems holds these same high standards with its products as well. It's a great fit for us to be associated with the most widely-used student information systems in the K-12 market. Our combined solutions are going to be tightly integrated to deliver outstanding results to customers.”

About Pearson School Systems

Pearson School Systems (PSS) is changing the face of K-12 student performance and information management through its offering of tightly-integrated, mission critical district enterprise solutions.

Through its innovative, digital solutions, PSS is dedicated to helping schools perform and students succeed. Its product lineup includes SASI , the comprehensive student information system; Pearson Centerpoint ; the multi-platform, Web-based student information and performance management system; CIMS® the comprehensive finance, human resources, and student information system; Pearson Inform , the achievement data analysis and decision support tool; and Pearson Benchmark , the customizable, Web-based district benchmark testing solution.

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

About Computer Automation Systems, Inc.

In only ten years, Computer Automation Systems, Inc. has become the nation's leader in providing special education management software solutions. Today, the company's SEAS™ product line manages the special needs programs of over 1,500 K-12 school districts. Committed to the on-going success of their customers, Computer Automation combines the high-performance web-based SEAS solution – designed to manage compliance, administration, and reporting in an easy-to-use, district-customized format – with a focus on long-term customer relationships. The SEAS solution has been embraced by remote, rural school districts with less than ten (10) special education students to large urban districts with thousands. Computer Automation's headquarters are in Mountain Home , Arkansas. For more information, please visit: www.computerautomation.com .

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