

U.S. School Districts Honored for Technology Performance

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – October 27, 2009 – Winners of the sixth annual Digital School Districts Survey have been announced by e.Republic’s Center for Digital Education, the National School Boards Association and *Converge Online* magazine. The Survey’s purpose is to recognize school districts and school boards across the nation whose use of digital technology in interfacing with students, parents and community, district governing, and bettering of operations proved exceptional.

Participation in the survey was open to all U.S. public school districts which were placed in three categories based on size of enrollment. Those districts which demonstrated the most comprehensive use of digital standards were chosen as the top ten-ranking districts.

The first-place winners in each of the three categories were:

- Jefferson County Public Schools, Colo. (15,000 students or more)
- Madison City Schools, Ala. (Between 2,500 and 15,000 students)
- Lower Moreland Township School District, Pa. (2,500 students or less)

View the full list of winners at <http://www.centerdigialed.com/> and <http://www.convergemag.com>, or www.nsba.org/tln.

Marina Leight, vice president of the Center for Digital Education, said, “With digital education tools rapidly evolving, U.S. schools have shown great diligence in advancing quality education by implementing successful applications in support of 21st century education. We applaud this year’s winners for their creative and innovative accomplishments.”

“While technology’s role to transform learning is critical, its impact as a resource that enhances communications and improves productivity cannot be overlooked,” said NSBA Executive Director, Anne L. Bryant. “These districts are capitalizing on their ability to provide more transparent and efficient services at a time when budgets are tighter than ever. Educators will have a first-hand opportunity to learn about Jeffco’s successes during one of NSBA’s 2010 education technology site visits in May. NSBA is pleased that the school boards in these districts have empowered their administrators to embrace today’s tools and serve as models for others across the nation. “

Founded in 1940, the National School Boards Association (www.nsba.org) is a not-for-profit federation of state associations of school boards representing 95,000 local school board members throughout the United States. Its mission is to foster excellence and equity in public elementary and secondary education through local school board leadership. NSBA represents the school board perspective in working with federal government agencies and national organizations that impact education, and provides vital information and services to state associations of school boards throughout the nation.

The Center for Digital Education is a national research and advisory institute providing education and industry leaders with decision support, research and educational services to help them effectively incorporate new technologies in the 21st century. For more information on the Center visit www.centerdigitaled.com.

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