

## **STI ACQUIRES HUNTER SYSTEMS TO OFFER PRIVATE SCHOOLS UPGRADE TO WEB-BASED STUDENT INFORMATION, ASSESSMENT SOLUTIONS**

*As need for real-time, integrated school data increases, acquisition enables Hunter customers to cost-effectively transition from a Windows-based software to a Web-based education data management system*

MOBILE, ALA. (Sept. 8, 2008) – STI, a leader in education data management solutions for the K-12 public school market, today announces the acquisition of Hunter Systems, LLC. Based in Birmingham, Ala., Hunter Systems provides K-12 school administrative software to approximately 2,000 private schools in all 50 states and several countries around the world. The company also has partnerships with 27 private school associations and organizations, which represent over 5,300 private schools. Hunter Systems' software will be incorporated into STI's Web-based offerings to provide private schools with comprehensive, state-of-the-art systems that meet their unique needs.

Like the public school sector, private schools are increasingly demanding online applications that streamline school administrative functions and allow administrators, teachers and parents anytime, anywhere access to information. With STI's acquisition, Hunter Systems customers have the opportunity to upgrade from their Windows-based systems to a fully integrated Web-based solution that includes both a teacher and parent portal. Enhanced functionality that addresses the unique needs of private schools such as tuition payments and fundraising are now available for a complete private school solution.

“We are proud to bring Hunter Systems into the STI family to offer a cost-effective, customized solution that fits the evolving administrative environment and data management needs of the private school market,” STI CEO Ruby McCullough said. “With the national spotlight on education and student progress, both public and private schools are concerned with school improvement and increasing student achievement. Schools are demanding modern, integrated data management systems that enable them to make informed decisions and provide top-notch instruction and student services while managing fiscal responsibilities.”

Both STI and Hunter Systems have a proven track record of providing high quality software, which has established the companies as leaders in their respective school markets. Both share similar company goals to provide schools with affordable, innovative products supported by comprehensive, professional training and quality customer service. “We are excited about joining the STI family. We believe this combination will be great for all of our clients and private schools everywhere. This combination will provide private schools access to industry leading technology and service that will be unmatched in the private school market.” said Scott

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Frost, former Hunter Systems CEO. Frost will remain with STI as the Vice President of the Private School Division.

Since 2002, STI has acquired two companies in the student information software business, Tremont Software and the Lemberger Company. Following the acquisitions, STI successfully provided migration paths to the customers from a software, or legacy product to STI's next-generation student information system, *InformationNOW*, in a shorter time frame than the four to five year period that is typically required.

As a web-based system, *InformationNOW* provides the flexibility and accessibility needed in today's school systems. Authorized users can retrieve the relevant data they need when they need it. The system helps cut down on administrative time through the one-time data entry capability, as well as the ease with which data can be retrieved and analyzed.

Among its other Web-based products, STI offers *STIAssessment*, a data management system that allows users to create, administer, and track formative assessments, and to gather data detailing student performance on benchmarks and standards.

For more information about STI, visit [www.sti-k12.com](http://www.sti-k12.com) or phone 800-844-0884.

### **About STI**

STI is a leading provider of Education Data Management solutions to the K-12 market. STI's fully integrated suite of products addresses attendance, scheduling, special education, assessment, discipline, grade reporting, professional development, fund accounting, health, and parent/teacher communications. More than 6,000 schools in 28 states use STI solutions. The company was founded in 1982 and is headquartered in Mobile, Ala. For more information, phone 800-844-0884 or visit [www.sti-k12.com](http://www.sti-k12.com).

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