

DISTRICTS GAIN INSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY INTO STUDENT DATA WITH STI'S NEW AD-HOC REPORTING TOOL

INFOCUS allows administrators and teachers to generate customized reports to analyze relationships among STI data sets to inform classroom instruction and school business

MOBILE, ALA. (Feb. 2, 2011) – STI has developed an ad-hoc reporting module, *INFOCUS*, for its comprehensive Web-based student information system, providing teachers and administrators with powerful analytic tools and greater report customization. Many student information systems provide reporting features that typically only allow users to choose from a set list of criteria to generate standard reports. *INFOCUS* allows teachers and administrators to cross-examine data from different STI sets, such as attendance and grades, to obtain information that is insightful and relevant to them. With real-time access to this information, educators can measure progress across all levels and make informed decisions that improve school business and student outcomes. *INFOCUS* is available with *InformationNOW* at no additional cost to current customers and will be included in all subsequent subscriptions.

With *INFOCUS*, teachers and administrators can transform their school's data into meaningful information that helps them better understand the interrelationships among data sets and reveal the challenges that they must address. The reporting module enables educators to mine student and school data and conduct greater analysis on topics such as dropout rates, disciplinary infractions, graduation rates, parental involvement, trends within schools, and more. Data is presented in graphs, charts and gauges designed to help users visualize and focus on what is most important so they can take necessary action. Perhaps most important, *INFOCUS* will save teachers and administrators time accumulating and sifting through data that is irrelevant to their query, or waiting for custom reports from a data analyst.

“Data-driven decision-making is critical in the 21st century learning environment. However, for it to be successful, schools need accurate, relevant data and comprehensive management and reporting tools to derive the information they need,” said Ruby McCullough, CEO of STI. “With its latest feature, *InformationNOW* allows education leaders to make informed decisions that are in the best interests of their students.”

InformationNOW is a sophisticated, SIF-compliant, Web-based student information system that provides a complete solution for the collection, analysis and reporting of student data, accessible through a customizable portal for each user such as administrators, teachers, parents, and school health professionals. The system is based on best practices STI has developed from more than 25 years of experience in education data management, while also taking advantage of the latest technology. *InformationNOW* links students to data elements and information that is often outside the scope of typical student information systems such as formative assessments, transportation,

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library services, lunch programs, and health records. The system is simple to use so users can find the information they need quickly and obtain reports that are meaningful and easy-to-understand.

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About STI

STI is a leading provider of Education Data Management solutions to the K-12 public and private school market. STI's fully integrated suite of Web-based products addresses attendance, scheduling, discipline, grade reporting, state reporting, financial management, student health, parent/teacher communications, special education, formative assessment, and data mining. Additionally, STI offers a comprehensive program of professional development services to help administrators and teachers with school improvement initiatives such as developing data-driven response-to-intervention and formative assessment programs. More than 6,000 schools in 50 states and several countries 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.

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