

## **‘READY, SET, GO!’ SERVICE FROM STI HELPS SCHOOLS DEVELOP PATHWAYS FOR INCREASING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**

*STI offers new customized program of professional development and coaching services to support education leaders in creating a data-informed culture and facilitating school improvement*

MOBILE, ALA. (June 28, 2010) – Education leaders are under mounting pressure to win the race for education reform and accelerate student achievement. [STI](#), a leader in K-12 education data management solutions, is launching *Ready, Set, Go!* to help schools develop a systematic and effective approach to school improvement through data-driven decision-making and proven educational practices. Offered through STI’s *Achievement Services* division, *Ready, Set, Go!* is a customized program of professional development and coaching that supports schools in creating a data-informed culture to increase teacher effectiveness and student achievement.

“School leaders are looking for guidance to help them evaluate the growing amount of data, turn it into meaningful information, and apply it to improve the educational system,” said Ruby McCullough, CEO of STI. “*Ready, Set, Go!* provides administrators and teachers with the knowledge, skills and tools they need to drive innovation and better prepare students for a globally competitive workplace.”

The *Ready, Set, Go!* service helps schools and districts develop and implement a customized plan that engages stakeholders in preparing, evaluating and acting on “Multiple Measures of Data” to support student achievement throughout their communities. The process begins with an evaluation of current school data and programs at all levels by the STI *Achievement Services* team to identify trends and barriers to improvement. Findings are used to:

- inform curriculum alignment and pacing
- create a standards-based instructional framework that connects the curriculum to student needs
- develop a formative assessment program for student screening and progress monitoring
- engage teachers in job-embedded professional development on effective instructional strategies
- promote personalized learning

The STI *Achievement Services* team works collaboratively with school leaders to develop an action plan and set the stage for the improvement process. By identifying patterns and needs, promoting differentiated instruction, and providing intervention strategies, the team supports educators as experts in the classroom. The team monitors progress, mentors teachers, models best practices, and fosters supportive professional learning communities to open lines of communication and enable administrators and teachers to share best practices. Through *Ready, Set, Go!*, schools develop an educational culture and system grounded in sound data-driven decision-making that builds a foundation for continuous improvement.

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The *Ready, Set, Go!* offering is provided through *STI Achievement Services*, led by a team of skilled school improvement specialists who are veteran educators with extensive experience in education data analysis, instructional design and school reform. For more information, visit [www.sti-k12.com](http://www.sti-k12.com).

#### **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 7,000 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](http://www.sti-k12.com).

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