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### **STI, KENTUCKY COMPLETE STATE ROLLOUT OF STUDENT IDENTIFIER SYSTEM TIED TO SCHOOL DATA**

*Kentucky enrolls STI to implement ID system for more efficiency and accuracy  
after successful statewide use of the STI Student Information System*

MOBILE, ALA. (Oct. 6, 2005) – STI, the nation’s leading provider of education data management solutions, today announces the successful rollout of a statewide K-12 enrollment program in Kentucky that automatically assigns unique student identifiers to current and new students in the public school system. A student identifier system is a critical step towards achieving more efficient and accurate data management to save time and money. Student information is tied to the statewide identifier, so records are easily transferable and simultaneously updated in school and district databases to maintain local data control.

The National Center of Educational Accountability (NCEA) encourages states to improve data quality and expand their ability to collect and store data for longitudinal analysis. While meeting the data reporting requirements of No Child Left Behind Act, states can also use student data collected over time for school improvement needs. One of NCEA’s recommendations for states is to create a consistent statewide student identifier system to catalogue each student and maintain student records across school and district databases as well as over the length of a student’s academic career.

The STI student identifier system is integrated with the other STI data management systems, including the *STI Student Information System*, used throughout the state of Kentucky. All student data—including addresses, special education data, assessment reports, disciplinary records and more—are tied to the student identifier, allowing for seamless, real-time data transfer within and among districts in the state. Students are tracked as they matriculate through the state’s school system. School and district staff can quickly enroll new students or transfer student records, and the data is immediately available to school personnel to enable them to better serve student needs. The system eliminates duplicate data entry, saving schools time and ensuring accurate data. Administrators can determine appropriate funding levels as well as examine student trends and performance over time.

“Today marks a significant milestone in data-driven decision-making,” said Kelley F. Crain, superintendent of Fleming County Schools in Flemingsburg, Ky. “STI’s integrated system supports our school improvement initiatives, providing us with better data quality and the ability to perform ongoing, accurate analyses of school and district operations as well as conduct statewide evaluations over the long-term.”

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Leaders within the Kentucky Department of Education took a greater role in education data management in 2000, when they began pursuing integrated systems for student information, special education and assessment. STI is the sole vendor for the state, providing data management systems for all Kentucky school districts. The company provides a comprehensive student information system that is scalable from the school to state level. The system is a statewide network infrastructure that enables schools to be continuously connected to the state student information database and expedites the data management process. State officials can track and analyze student information from a state level perspective while allowing local school and district data control.

As a result of the teamwork among Kentucky Department of Education officials, district technology coordinators, directors of pupil personnel, school STI coordinators and STI's implementation team, the student identifier system was successfully rolled out in late September 2005.

For more information about STI and its products, 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 5,000 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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