

PowerSchool and the Schools Interoperability Framework (SIF) Solve Critical Technology Challenges Facing Today's K-12 Administrators

– *Benefits of embracing SIF to avoid costly systems integrations, realize meaningful operational efficiencies and simplify data-driven decision-making will be showcased during seven-city Spring Education Symposiums Series* –

FOLSOM, CA — March 13, 2006 — PowerSchool, a division of Apple and the leading web-based student information system (SIS) in the country, is announcing the Education Symposiums Spring Technology Series which will focus on the Schools Interoperability Framework, a movement reaching nationwide prominence throughout K-12 education, and feature Dr. Mark Silzer, founding member of the SIF Board, as the guest speaker.

A charter member of the Schools Interoperability Framework Association (SIFA), PowerSchool is currently working with more than 200 customers, including schools, districts and state-level Departments of Education, to implement the open SIF Specification and realize the goal of data systems working together seamlessly so that educators and administrators have more time and resources to focus on the needs of students.

PowerSchool's SIF agent provides schools smooth integration with other SIF-certified applications and makes real-time data sharing possible and efficient. With PowerSchool, schools choose a best-of-breed solution and easily integrate with other preferred or legacy applications such as transportation, library automation, special education and food services.

“With SIF, interoperability concerns and costly integrations are no longer hurdles to deploying affordable and lasting technology solutions in our schools and districts,” said Mary McCaffrey, President of PowerSchool and co-chair of the SIFA board. “PowerSchool is SIF-certified to ensure that key-decision makers, at the classroom level up to the state capitol, have the real-time student data necessary to advance student achievement.”

PowerSchool is the fastest growing web-based SIS in the U.S. with more than 7,000 schools and 3,000,000 students using the system. Backed by Apple and known for being reliable, flexible and easy to use, PowerSchool delivers a complete view of each student's performance data to guide decisions in the classroom, at the district office, and from home.

PowerSchool addresses critical data-driven trends and mandates in education with two new leadership white papers: *Improving Student Achievement Through Real-time Data Systems: Targeting Students for Intervention* by John D. Forbes, M.A., B.S. Sec. Ed. and *Mission Critical: PowerSchool and the School Interoperability Framework (SIF) Deliver on the mandate for Simple and Secure Data Sharing in K-12 Education*. Both papers can be downloaded at www.powerschool.com.

For additional information on the Education Symposiums Spring Technology Series and to register, please visit www.educationsymposiums.com. Below is the schedule for the Symposiums Series.

Location	Date
<u>Plainview, New York</u>	Tuesday, April 4, 2006
<u>King of Prussia, Pennsylvania</u>	Thursday, April 6, 2006
<u>Southfield, Michigan</u>	Tuesday, April 25, 2006
<u>Rosemont, Illinois</u>	Thursday, April 27, 2006
<u>Houston, Texas</u>	Tuesday, May 2, 2006
<u>Riverside, California</u>	Tuesday, May 9, 2006
<u>Fresno, California</u>	Tuesday, May 16, 2006

About PowerSchool

PowerSchool, a division of Apple Computer, Inc. (Nasdaq: AAPL), provides web-based, SIF-compliant, student information systems (SIS) for schools and school districts. The well-established PowerSchool Pro delivers a comprehensive SIS feature set in an easy-to-use, low cost environment that is fully supported with training and technology support services. PowerSchool's flagship SIS offering, PowerSchool Premier, with a SQL database, delivers unparalleled data access and optimized performance capabilities to address a broad set of customer uses, while scaling easily to meet the needs of growing schools and districts of all sizes. Every day millions of students, parents, teachers, and administrators can easily and cost-effectively access student information in order to develop smarter strategies and make better decisions because they have the power of PowerSchool. For more information, visit www.powerschool.com.

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