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Skyward Launches Course Learning Center for Student Management Suite

Course Learning Center enables teachers to easily manage class information, materials and assignments online, while improving collaboration with colleagues and students

STEVENS POINT, Wis. – May 15, 2013 – Continuing its pledge on delivering innovative administrative software to K-12 school districts, Skyward announces the release of its Course Learning Center, a new module that is fully integrated with its Student Management Suite. The Course Learning Center provides teachers and students with a simplified way to manage daily classroom activities and improve collaboration.

Today, the growth of online and cloud-based applications in schools has increased IT administrators' time while creating headaches for users with multiple logins and access points, leading many education leaders to seek a fully integrated solution that meets a wide range of needs.

The Course Learning Center helps teachers engage students and improve performance through a central hub for instructional management and communication. The new module streamlines teacher access to the tools they need, enabling them to manage course resources, classroom discussions, digital lockers, assessments and grades in one location. Students can access the center to upload assignments, get teacher feedback on their work, and participate in conversations through discussion boards. Teachers and students will access the module through their existing Skyward portal for greater convenience.

The center gives teachers complete control over instructional management, from sharing valuable content online, providing timely feedback to students, and distributing files online to students, and more. Students are able to access materials online, such as learning resources, teacher responses and study guides while also being able to submit files through their Digital Locker. Parents can access the center as well, helping them stay up-to-date on their children's coursework, assignments, academic progress and other important information.

"Our new Course Learning Center offers schools a fully integrated management and student information system that minimizes administration time and maximizes teaching time," said Ray Ackerlund, vice president of marketing and product management for Skyward. "School districts are constantly looking for ways to better manage daily classroom activities, and the Course Learning Center's key features are built around those needs, making it easier for students to manage their assignments and store materials and for teachers to provide students individualized support."

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In addition to supporting course management, schools will also have the ability to use the Course Learning Center to manage their Professional Learning Communities (PLC). Teachers will be able to discuss instructional strategies and implementation with their colleagues, and share instructional content and resources.

Skyward announced the new module offering recently at iCon, its annual international conference in Orlando. The Course Learning Center will be available in the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year.

 For more information on the Skyward administrative software and IT consulting services for K-12 districts, visit www.skyward.com.

About Skyward
Skyward is a leading provider of K-12 school administrative software that surpasses districts' needs in state reporting, improves operational capabilities, and opens communication between schools and families. Today, the Skyward School Management System™ is used in more than 1,600 school districts worldwide, ranging from districts with as few as 50 students to statewide implementations supporting more than 800,000 students. Founded in 1980, Skyward serves school districts with its integrated student, finance, and human resources suite of products and is proudly made and supported in the United States. To learn more, visit www.skyward.com.

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