Skyward Announces New Test Bank Management Solution

Online assessment creation tool supports teachers, improves student growth

STEVENS POINT, Wis. (Feb. 18, 2015) – As school districts prepare students for assessments, administrators are looking for tools that ease teacher prep time, address established curriculum, and encourage schools and districts to share assessment content. Skyward, an industry leading K-12 school administrative software provider, announces its new Test Bank Management Solution that supports in-district test bank management, collaboration among Skyward customers and integration with online test bank providers.

Test banks provide flexibility to create custom assessments at the district, school and classroom level. Educators can easily select questions that most appropriately reflect curriculum, student population and time of year the test is given. Questions created through Skyward's Test Bank Management Solution align with state and Common Core State Standards for analytical reporting, and allow districts to secure those questions to only be used on summative assessments. Through the new management solution, administrators and educators can better measure student progress and improve individual growth.

"The Skyward Test Bank Management Solution lets educators connect about assessments in an innovative and efficient way," said Ray Ackerlund, vice president of marketing and product management at Skyward. "Districts will be able to create their own test bank, and safely share assessments with their entire staff, as well as districts across the state and country."

Skyward will support integration with multiple test bank providers that support the Question and Test Interoperability (QTI) specification format. The QTI is a standard format for assessment content and results, supporting the exchange of material between authoring and delivery systems. It is designed to facilitate interoperability among systems, allowing assessment materials to be developed and delivered on systems interchangeably.

Skyward will launch its first test bank solution in July 2015.

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 1,800 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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