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CPSI, IlliniCloud, and SLC: A New Education Partnership

COLUMBIA, Illinois (April 3, 2012) – CPSI, Ltd., a leading K-12 Longitudinal Data Systems and Data Integration vendor, has been selected as a partner with the IlliniCloud, a district-based grassroots hosted data center provider. The IlliniCloud provides services such as a centralized standards-based infrastructure that enables districts to report data.

The pilot program includes IlliniCloud, six districts, Illinois Interactive Report Card (IIRC), Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), and the Shared Learning Collaborative (SLC). Project goals include streamlined operations and a transition to a data-centric culture that improves student, teacher, and school performance. CPSI's xDStudio Enterprise software will transport valid data from source systems to appropriate agencies and organizations.

"CPSI has a great working relationship with IlliniCloud host Bloomington District #87 and many other Illinois districts," says CPSI President Michelle Elia. "We are implementing new real-time technologies that will help educators understand their data."

While there is a current assessment and state reporting process, real-time data tools are not available. The CPSI/IlliniCloud solution will provide up-to-the-minute data to stakeholders including teachers, administrators, parents, legislators, and community.

The project starts with xDStudio's district-level data collection process based on the Schools Interoperability Framework (SIF) data model. Extracted data is validated then moved into a centralized IlliniCloud data store. The data will be dispersed into data marts that include: district to state (ISBE) reporting; district level assessment dashboards provided by IIRC; and SLC-hosted data stores that will be used to provide educators with instructional tools. Data provided to the SLC will use xDStudio's toolset to automatically transform data from the SIF format to the Ed-Fi format to deliver student information. SLC data will be transformed from SIF format to Ed-Fi format by xDStudio's toolset to deliver student information.

"We are proud to be working with such a knowledgeable group of people on this project. xDStudio has the flexibility to manage this type of multi-layered system," says CPSI CEO Aziz Elia. "Real-time data availability gives educators the opportunity to identify students who are falling behind and give them the ability to predict outcomes and problems before they happen."

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