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ACCESS ITC CHOOSES PROGRESSBOOK FOR 30+ OHIO SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO IMPLEMENT FOR 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR

**K-12 CLASSROOM/STUDENT/DISTRICT MANAGEMENT SOLUTION
HELPS DISTRICTS BOOSTS ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT**

Brecksville, OH - June 7, 2011 – **Software Answers, Inc.**, an established provider of web-based software for K-12 education, announces that ACCESS, one of 23 Information Technology Centers (ITCs) in the State of Ohio, has selected **ProgressBook™**, Software Answers' flagship student and classroom management product, to offer to its school district customers consisting of 27 public school districts, two Educational Service Centers and six non-public schools.

ProgressBook is a suite of web-based solutions, and ACCESS will offer the Grade Book module with features including online attendance, state standards-based lesson planning, grade book, progress reports, report cards, and 24/7 parent and student online access to grades, homework, teacher messages and school resources.

According to **ACCESS Executive Director, John LaPlante**, "Providing our district customers with the best possible solutions is imperative. We chose ProgressBook because of its robust features including standards-based lesson planning and reporting, parent and student online access to grades and homework, and because the software is straightforward and easy-to-use for teachers. Combine that with its strong features meeting state reporting requirements and its integration with DASL leads us to expect a very high adoption by our customers."

ACCESS also selected [DASL](#) for their districts' new student information system. DASL was created by the [Ohio Educational Computer Network \(OECN\)](#), an association of 23 ITCs formed by a 1979 Ohio law to provide statewide, comprehensive and cost-effective support of technology programs and initiatives to Ohio school districts. ACCESS makes 17 of the 23 ITCs to offer DASL and ProgressBook to their school district members. Software Answers is the developer of DASL, and markets DASL outside of the state of Ohio.

Paul Chaffee, Software Answers CEO said, "We're excited that ACCESS has selected ProgressBook and DASL as their districts' systems of choice. Teachers and administrators want and need tools to help them

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work smarter, faster and easier. By implementing our comprehensive, integrated, district-wide solution, these Northeastern-Ohio school districts can realize efficiency improvements, financial savings, and higher student academic achievement. Plus, as districts vie for [Race to the Top](#) grant allocations, our solutions can help districts meet guidelines set by their state and the U.S. Department of Education.”

Teacher feedback indicates once ProgressBook's Parent Access portal is introduced, teachers save between 1 and 3 hours every week by eliminated telephone and email time typical of keeping parents up-to-date on their children's progress (depending on teacher student count). Other efficiency, financial and education-related benefits are direct results of eliminating duplicate data entry for support and administrative staff, reducing print and mail costs of progress reports and report cards, and added parent involvement through the Parent Access which raises kids' grades.

ACCESS will roll out ProgressBook and DASL to its school district customers for the 2011-2012 school year, replacing eSIS, which was recently purchased by Pearson.

About ACCESS - [ACCESS](#), located in the Boardman/Youngstown, Ohio area, provides technology products and services to schools and libraries in Columbiana and Mahoning Counties. ACCESS' student count is approximately 47,000. ACCESS is one of twenty-three Ohio ITCs licensed by the Ohio Department of Education.

About Software Answers, Inc. - [Software Answers](#) provides K-12 school districts with web-based student, classroom and district-wide solutions. Software Answers' flagship suite of products, ProgressBook™, is used by educators, parents and students to increase teacher efficiency, align education with state standards, and increase parent involvement in their children's education process, all helping to boost student academic achievement. ProgressBook is used in 700+ school districts across the U.S., and over 75% of Ohio public schools. ProgressBook applications include Grade Book, Student Information System, Online Learning, Special Services and DataMap, a data analysis tool to boost student state-standardized test scores. The company is headquartered in Brecksville, a Cleveland, Ohio suburb.

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