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All Renaissance Solutions Meet the Requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act

Opryland Gears up for 4th Annual National Education Conference *Over 3,000 U.S. Educators Will Gather in Nashville February 5-8, 2003*

MADISON, WIS. – (January, 2003) With Renaissance Solutions now being used in over 62,000 schools throughout the country, this year's National Renaissance Conference has attracted thousands of superintendents, principals, teachers, and librarians from across the U.S.

This year's "Dreamers Wake the Nation" Conference will be held February 5-8 for the second time at the Opryland in Nashville. It is organized and sponsored by Renaissance Learning, the Wisconsin based company that provides classroom and school wide solutions for improving reading, math and writing for the pre-K-12 schools. Renaissance Learning is most recognized for its first product, Accelerated Reader®.

"The 4th Annual conference brings together thousands of educators intent on taking the next step toward comprehensive school improvement," says Terrance Paul, CEO. "Schools implementing Renaissance Solutions continue to perform better, continue to close the achievement gap, and continue to improve their test scores than schools not implementing Renaissance."

This fact has many educators taking note. With the newly imposed requirements dictated by the No Child Left Behind Act, schools are now required by the federal government to show improvements in high stakes test scores or face severe repercussions.

The National Conference will feature more than 100 professional development workshops on the latest teaching techniques, research, and learning software proven to help educators accelerate learning in the classroom.

Keynotes speakers include popular children's author T.A. Barron of the Merlin series, Patricia Polacco, and Amanda Gore.

Media Passes will be available at the front registration desk. For further information call Sheila at 800-200-4848 Ext. 2310.

Renaissance Learning[™], Inc., is a leading provider of school improvement solutions, through research-based software products, teacher training, and consulting services. The Company's software products, called learning information systems, provide continuous constructive feedback that helps teachers motivate students, dramatically accelerate learning, improve test scores, and helps students master all standards, while reducing teacher paperwork. Adopted by more than 62,000 schools, these software products are among the most popular in schools nationwide, including Accelerated Reader[®], Accelerated Math[®], STAR Reading[®], STAR Math[®], STAR Early Literacy[™], PerfectCopy[™]. The Company's School Renaissance[™] comprehensive school improvement process has been adopted by school districts across the country, and 400,000 pre-K-12 educators have received Renaissance training. The Company also provides electronic assessment products and services to educational publishers, and sells enterprise software for training and knowledge management. The Company has six U.S. locations and subsidiaries in Australia, Canada, India, and the United Kingdom.

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