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### **Sudan Elementary Awarded “Dreamers Wake the Nation” Award**

*Renaissance Learning recognizes school achievement at Fourth Annual National Education Conference in Nashville*

MADISON, WIS. – (January 13, 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.

Each year only a handful of these schools are honored with an award for their consistent and significant gains in school improvement.

This year’s “Dreamers Wake the Nation” Award will be presented to Sudan Elementary School, a K-7 school in Sudan Texas. Sudan Elementary has successfully implemented Renaissance Solutions throughout the school and has since reduced the achievement gap 34.7 point in 8 years. They have also increased their library circulation by an impressive 119% since 1997.

Principal Bo Lance will accept the award at a ceremony held on February 8th.

The National 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 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.

Renaissance Learning<sup>™</sup>, 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<sup>®</sup>, Accelerated Math<sup>®</sup>, STAR Reading<sup>®</sup>, STAR Math<sup>®</sup>, STAR Early Literacy<sup>™</sup>, PerfectCopy<sup>™</sup>. The Company's School Renaissance<sup>™</sup> 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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