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## **Jackson Software and Timpanogos Technologies™ Join Forces to Improve K-12 Productivity Through Software Integration**

*Partners work towards integration, software support and development.*

**Salt Lake City, UT – July 28, 2003** – Timpanogos Technologies™, a software support business unit of Comstar Computer Systems, Inc. and Jackson Software, Inc, a leading provider of automated classroom technology recently entered into an agreement under which both companies will market the others' products to current and prospective customers. The agreement brings together two entities that are working diligently towards integrated software development solutions and support while making use of modern web-based technology and end-user support to administrators, school officials, teachers, parents and students.

Timpanogos Technologies™ (Timp Tech™) provides support services for school districts, which use the popular Comprehensive Information Management for Schools (CIMS®) software family of products. Jackson Software is the author of GradeQuick™, a powerful, multi-platform, teacher gradebook software program that now includes features related to standards/skills, resources, and lesson plans. The CIMS® applications are used primarily by administrators and district personnel for information management, while GradeQuick™ is utilized primarily by teachers as a classroom management tool.

Managing technology in public school districts can be an overwhelming assignment. Districts attempting on their own to integrate the proliferation of software products available for the K-12 market, attempting to lower costs and improve productivity, often find that task a big challenge. The conundrum is how to integrate these various complicated technologies so that the technology actually works to your advantage and improves efficiency.

The GradeQuick™/CIMS® interface, recently acquired by Timp Tech™ from Best Computer Systems, Inc., is the key that unlocks the integration challenge, lowers costs and improves productivity. By integrating these two worlds a teacher spends less time performing administrative functions and more time focusing on instruction.

With school districts facing tighter budgets during these tough economic times, technology decision makers must weigh many factors but first and foremost are cost and compatibility. The marketing alliance of Timpanogos Technologies™ and Jackson Software opens the door to school districts to integrate their student management software with a popular, high quality classroom management software applications.

The marketing alliance allows for Timpanogos Technologies™ (Timp Tech™) to market Jackson Software's GradeQuick™ to school districts anywhere, with focus on its member school districts. Jackson Software will be able to better serve those districts which choose to use CIMS® and its follow-on product, Ascent (from Educational Technology Labs), by marketing Timp Tech's GradeQuick™/CIMS® interface program.

"Our business alliance with Jackson Software provides us with one more powerful reason for school districts to switch their support services to Timp Tech," says Joni Wing, Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Timpanogos Technologies. She added, "GradeQuick™ is the leading gradebook software solution. By integrating it with a district's CIMS applications, Timp Tech™ can provide a complete product of financial information systems, student information systems and instructional information systems."

### **About Timpanogos Technologies**

Timpanogos Technologies™ is a leading provider of enhancement software and support to school districts using CIMS® products. The company is headquartered in Salt Lake City, Utah, with offices in Mesa, Arizona, West Linn, Oregon and Fremont, Michigan. They also promote relationships with regional support vendors to provide local first line product assistance to schools. For more information, please visit [www.timpotech.com](http://www.timpotech.com).

### **About Jackson Software**

Jackson Software is a leading provider of software solutions for teachers and schools. One of their key products, GradeQuick™ offers a powerful electronic gradebook tool that improves productivity by enabling teachers to focus on instruction instead of administration. Their products and services enhance teaching, communication, and interactive learning in educational organizations. Headquartered in Glencoe, IL, Jackson Software serves thousands of schools in the US and in more than 60 countries around the world. For more information please visit [www.jacksoncorp.com](http://www.jacksoncorp.com).

### **About Education Technology Labs**

Education Technology Labs™ is a non-profit research and development corporation, focused on bringing productive, leading edge technology to schools. It is based in American Fork, Utah and currently participating school districts range from Alaska to Massachusetts. Along with others with extensive education experience, its board of directors includes a former state superintendent of instruction. Focus groups, made up of school personnel, provide direction, needs and priorities. Resulting software is professional quality and provided to participating districts as open source code, with no license fee. Support for standard versions is made available through commercial entities. For more information please visit [www.edtechlabs.org](http://www.edtechlabs.org).