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Free Math Assessment Software Uncovers The Roots Of America's Crisis

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Eduss, A Leading Educational Software Developer, Offers Parents Unrivalled Math Assessment Tool For Their Children: How can parents, teachers and schools be expected to cope with the looming math crisis in America today if they don't know what their kids don't know? Eduss is answering that call by offering its comprehensive math assessment for free.

DENVER, CO (PRWEB) April 5, 2006 – How can parents, teachers and schools be expected to cope with the looming math crisis in America today if they don't know what their kids don't know? Eduss is answering that call by offering its comprehensive math assessment for free.

Eduss, a leading international developer of educational software, today announced that it is offering its math assessment software to parents and homeschoolers for free. The Eduss math assessment is a computer-based test covering math concepts from K-8. It can accurately pinpoint where a student's learning of a particular math subject has stopped, giving parents the critical insight they need to address the problems. Parents and homeschoolers can order their free assessment by visiting www.eduss.com/freeassessment or calling 800-993-3877.

"I knew my son was struggling in math, but I didn't know why," said a parent from Challenge to Excellence in Parker, Colorado. "With the Eduss math assessment, we were able to know exactly where he needed assistance and get him that help. By continuing to use the software, I now have the confidence of knowing that my child is right on course with his math work."

The Eduss Integrated Multi-Dimensional Teaching Assistant for K-12 education, from which the assessment has been taken, has a proven track record currently serving more than 22% of the schools and more than 14,000 homes in Australia. Over the past two years, Eduss has adapted the software to meet U.S. and state education standards, while employing additional best practices from around the globe. The math assessment portion of the software tests and provides detailed quantitative and qualitative reports on a child's knowledge and understanding of critical concepts as set by the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. For example, the assessment identified that Sam, a sixth grader, was performing at a 5th grade level in short division. He performed well on calculating 2 digits divided by 1 digit, but had trouble with 4 digits divided by 2 digits. This high level of detail is what delineates knowledge gaps.

"We use Eduss' math software in our classrooms because we have found that the assessment lets us stay apprised of what our students are learning—and what they are not," said Randy Cummings, Head of Curriculum Development & Technology at Portland Adventist School, one of Eduss' early adopter schools. "Now, on a one-to-one basis, we can remediate an issue before it becomes a problem. It is an invaluable tool that delivers math confidence to children, parents and educators."

This is critically important when you consider that among 29 industrialized countries, the United States scored below 20 nations and above only five in math. Also, compared with peers from the OECD countries, even the highest U.S. achievers—those in the top 1 percent of U.S. students—were outperformed. The growing math literacy deficit acknowledged in President Bush's State of the Union Address, referenced by countless leaders from corporate America, and the heightened media coverage, such as those on the cover of Newsweek and Time, have left millions of parents searching for tools to help.

"To solve a crisis, one must first identify the specific problems. In this case, the answer lies in bridging the math gap one student at a time," said Theo Scherman, Chief Executive Officer of Eduss. "Making our comprehensive math assessment software free to everyone will provide children and their parents the opportunity to work on these concepts and ensure they do not continue to struggle."

To receive a copy of the free Eduss math assessment (valued at \$29.95), parents and homeschoolers can log on to www.eduss.com/freeassessment or call 800-993-3877. Eduss is also offering a free package for schools to access the Eduss Integrated Multi-Dimensional Teaching Assistant for K-12 education. Those interested in the school program can visit www.eduss.com/grant4schools