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Challenge to Excellence connects school to home

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There are great things happening in Douglas County Schools; especially at Challenge to Excellence Charter School in Parker. In partnership with Eduss Media, an educational software company, Challenge to Excellence has done something that no other school in Colorado has — by connecting school and home with the same software — math, English and phonics — thereby allowing teachers to send homework, practice exercises, tests, even assessments home through a server that connects all of the Challenge to Excellence families with the school.

In the fall of 2004, Eduss helped the school secure a grant for more than a million dollars, enabling the school to place the software on every computer at no cost to the school. The grant was funded by donations from the private sector — companies that are eager to get behind and support the education of youth in the U.S. The Eduss software provides them with a reliable manner of doing so.

Under the guidance of Dr. **Nila Tritt**, principal, Mrs. **Linda Parker**, vice principal, and the board members at Challenge to Excellence, the school-to-home connection was implemented.

Now teachers can set homework for students based on their needs and send it through the system. The student does their homework at home and sends it back through the system. When the teacher comes in the



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Eduss software began challenging students to excellence in fall 2004.

next day, she receives the homework already graded. She is provided with a real time snapshot of how her class is doing and she can adjust her lesson plans accordingly.

That is only one example of the incredible features of the Eduss software system. Eduss is particularly proud of their assessment engine. It does not even begin to compare to other educational assessment tools available to schools and parents.

Eduss is truly raising the bar on how educational software is built, delivered and funded. The system is currently in many other schools across the U.S. as well as the world.