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Renaissance Learning adds short-answer response functionality to the 2Know! classroom response system

September 9, 2009, Wisconsin Rapids, WI – Renaissance Learning™ today announced an enhancement to the company's 2Know! classroom response system that will support short-answer responses from students using the Renaissance Responders, much like text entry on a cell phone.

The new feature will allow students to be able to provide alphanumeric answers to open ended questions in addition to the wide range of existing question type formats already available in the system's 2Know! Toolbar™ and AccelTest™ software.

As part of the interactive 2Know! classroom response system, the handheld Renaissance Responders utilize two-way radio-frequency communication and a screen to display question, answer choices, and responses. The technology helps teachers know instantly if students understand key concepts and provides automated scoring for classroom assessments and quizzes. The system's user-friendly 2Know! Toolbar allows teachers to set up questions in seconds and the included AccelTest test generator tabulates and stores results automatically into a gradebook, which saves teachers time and eliminates paperwork.

“The addition of short-answer capabilities to the Renaissance Responder is a fantastic advancement that will allow the teacher to expand the scope of classroom assessments and further engage the students with technology that they're accustomed to using outside the classroom,” said Steve Schmidt, Renaissance Learning President and COO. “This enhancement is another example of our commitment to providing additional value for our customers' existing products, which is ever more important with the current constraints on school budgets.”

This latest announcement closely follows the company's recent release that provided the ability to utilize the company's MathFacts in a Flash™ software on Renaissance Responders. The 2Know! classroom response system has been adopted at varying levels of implementations by a majority of the largest districts in the U.S. and schools in every state. All current 2Know! classroom response system customers will be able to take advantage of this latest advancement via a free update. The updates will be available in early 2010 from the Renaissance Learning website at www.renlearn.com/downloads.

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Renaissance Learning, Inc. is the world's leading provider of computer-based assessment technology for pre-K–12 schools. Adopted by more than 74,000 schools, Renaissance Learning's tools provide daily formative assessment and periodic progress-monitoring technology to enhance core curriculum, support differentiated instruction, and personalize practice in reading, writing and math. Renaissance Learning products help educators make the practice component of their existing curriculum more effective by providing tools to personalize practice and easily manage the daily activities for students of all levels. As a result, teachers using Renaissance Learning products accelerate learning, get more satisfaction from teaching, and help students achieve higher test scores on state and national tests. Renaissance Learning has seven U.S. locations and subsidiaries in Canada and the United Kingdom.