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High School Transcript Approved by PESC Members As National Education Community Standard

1st XML Standard for High School Transcript
Bridges Secondary and Postsecondary Communities

July 5, 2006 *(Washington DC)* ~ The Board of Directors and Steering Committee of the Postsecondary Electronic Standards Council (PESC) are pleased to announce the release of the XML High School Transcript Standard as a PESC Member-Approved National Education Community Standard. Version 1.0 and all supporting documentation are available at www.PESC.org. This effort marks a significant milestone and achievement for the education community, the Standardization of Postsecondary Education Electronic Data Exchange (SPEEDE) Committee of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRA), and for PESC.

"The adoption of the High School Transcript by PESC Members is a significant milestone, and comes at a great time for California's K-12 and postsecondary communities," states L. Russ Brawn, Chief Operations Officer for the California School Information Services (CSIS). "Having reliable XML-based standard transactions to facilitate matriculation into higher education builds on commitments we made some years back to leverage inherent XML advantages in doing work over the Internet," Mr. Brawn who also serves as Director of the California Educational Technology Professionals Association (CETPA), continues. "PESC brought focus to this concept and CSIS is proud of our involvement in that effort. Standards do work."

The High School Transcript is a specification designed for use by secondary and postsecondary educational institutions, state agencies, and software vendors to communicate current and historical student academic records. The High School Transcript contains personal history and identifying information about the student, the current academic status, dates of attendance, courses completed with grades earned, diplomas and certificates awarded, and selected test scores. The High School Transcript is programmed in eXtensible Mark-Up Language (XML), the widely adopted programming language that has enabled safe and reliable, real-time messaging and data exchange, and is accompanied by a comprehensive *Implementation Guide* that facilitates faster, more efficient programming.

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About PESC
Established in 1997 and located in Washington, D.C., the Postsecondary Electronic Standards Council (PESC) is a non-profit, community-based, umbrella association of colleges and universities; professional and commercial organizations; data, software and service providers; and state and federal government agencies. PESC's mission is to lead the establishment and adoption of data exchange standards in education. The goals of the mission are to enable the improvement of institutional performance and foster collaboration across educational communities in order to lower costs, improve service, and attain system interoperability.

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