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NATIONAL CENTER ON RESPONSE TO INTERVENTION ASSIGNS HIGHEST RANKING TO CTB/MCGRAW-HILL'S YEARLY PROGRESSPRO

RTI Solution Receives Top Rating for Classification Accuracy, Reliability, and Validity

Monterey, CA – June 17, 2009 – CTB/McGraw-Hill, a leader in K-12 and adult education assessment solutions, today announced that Yearly ProgressPro, a research-based assessment, instructional, and intervention tool, has received the top rating in an evaluation by the National Center on Response to Intervention (NCRTI). Yearly ProgressPro ranked highest in all measured criteria, including classification reliability, validity, and sensitivity to student improvement.

“This National Center on Response to Intervention rating is an independent demonstration confirming that Yearly ProgressPro provides valid, evidence-based assessments,” said Ellen Haley, President of CTB/McGraw-Hill. “Yearly ProgressPro delivers accurate, reliable data to identify students requiring assistance, as well as providing tools that assist those students according to their specific needs.”

NCRTI was established to provide educators with sound information about evidenced-based RTI tools, practices, and implementation strategies. The Center’s mission is to provide technical assistance to states and districts in implementing proven RTI models, which includes evaluating and rating commercially available RTI solutions. A committee of expert reviewers rates tools against a comprehensive set of General Outcome Measures, designed to allow educators to make informed decisions and select tools that best meet their individual needs. A thorough description of the NCRTI rating and evaluation criteria is available on the Center’s website at:

<http://www.rti4success.org/chart/progressMonitoring/progressmonitoringtoolschart.htm>.

Yearly ProgressPro is an online progress monitoring system built on 25 years of research in Curriculum-Based Measurement methodology, a proven, effective method for improving student learning. Yearly ProgressPro provides educators with the classroom tools they need - assessments, instructional resources, and reports and analysis - linked to an easy-to-understand data management system that allows them to track trends in student performance.

Yearly ProgressPro is available for reading, math, and language arts, in Grades 1–8. It combines ongoing formative assessment, prescriptive instruction, reporting, and a data management system. Yearly ProgressPro supports student achievement by measuring the effectiveness of instruction, and tracking both mastery and retention of grade-level skills. Tutorial lessons, including instruction and guided practice, can be automatically prescribed according to the group or individual student’s skill levels. Additional features include automated recommendations and assignments that support instructional focus, and reporting tools that generate reports by skill, student, class, district, and student demographics.

Yearly ProgressPro At A Glance:

- Over 500 individual skill assessments, aligned to state and national standards.
- Over 19,000 assessment items available in the test pool.
- Pre-built weekly standard assessments for each grade.
- Custom assessment/item set creation capability.
- Exercises correlated to each skill provide guided practice, instruction and assessment.
- Audio available for assessments and exercises in Grades 1 and 2.
- Items developed by researchers, assessment experts, and teachers for quality and validity.

For more information about Yearly ProgressPro, visit www.CTB.com/YearlyProgressPro. Information about CTB/McGraw-Hill’s RTI programs can be found at www.CTB.com/RTI.

About CTB/McGraw-Hill

As the nation’s leading publisher of standardized and standards-based achievement tests for pre-school, elementary, middle, high school, and adult education, CTB/McGraw-Hill LLC offers a broad range of assessments, software and services. CTB/McGraw-Hill LLC is part of the Assessment and Reporting group of McGraw-Hill Education (MHE), a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies (NYSE: MHP). MHE is a leading global provider of print and digital instructional, assessment and reference solutions that empower professionals and students of all ages. McGraw-Hill Education has offices in 33 countries and publishes in more than 65 languages. Additional information is available at www.CTB.com.

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