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Michael D. Sessa
Executive Director
PESC – Postsecondary Electronic Standards Council
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Dear Mr. Sessa:

We are happy to write in support of the EdUnify project proposed by PESC (Postsecondary Electronic Standards Council) to develop the proof of concept for an innovative directory service model. EdUnify will connect the global community for students, advisors, faculty, researchers and administrators with essential information – no matter where the information resides – to enable better decision-making to drive student success.

XAP are long-time members of PESC, where we have been actively involved at a Board of Directors, committee chair, and participant level for some time. In our work with some 25,000 postsecondary institutions, K-12 schools, workforce centers, and government agencies, XAP understands the value of the mobility of data to enable students/adults to reach farther in their educational/career pursuits and for institutions to gain critical information on a common platform for faster decision making. The results have been changing the lives of over 40 million people to date and more to come.

Working with PESC to develop EdUnify will afford the broader educational community the opportunity to combine efforts, leverage reuse, and improve transparency of information services, in order to benefit learners of all types. We strongly support the EdUnify project and will continue to devote our efforts and resources to support this worthy project that is adding to our ongoing commitment to foster and adopt the PESC standards already in progress.

Sincerely,

J. Michael Thompson
CEO