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**ENHANCED SERVICES BENEFIT STUDENTS AND SCHOOLS WHILE IMPROVING DATA INTEGRITY**

Washington, D.C. ~ In celebrating PESC's 15th Year Anniversary and the release of PESC 3.0 | Unifying the Education Domain Around Interoperability, the Board of Directors is taking this opportunity to re-confirm PESC's foundational guiding principles. In following these principles, PESC has created a unique and valuable environment that is vendor-neutral, that provides access to leading developer communities, which is comprised of both end users and providers, and one that is based on an open democratic process with a P20w perspective. The successful end result has been widely adopted PESC Approved Standards (EDI, PDF and XML) and a number of community-based services like EdUnify and CommIT.

Transparent collaboration is PESC's cornerstone principle. In working together, the PESC community increases the value of existing and future investments in IT, maximizes the integrity of education technology, enables the portability of education data, and expands public/private and market choices. Ultimately the greater common good of collaboration within the PESC community is improved student achievement.

PESC equally supports all community-based initiatives, partnerships and collaborations, especially best practices that focus on data exchange, that simplify access, improve data quality and reduce cost through adoption and implementation of community-sourced data standards. As Education’s only data standards-setting body, PESC does not and will not endorse any particular service provider solution over any other. Membership in PESC also satisfies long-standing, statutory participation requirements in standards-setting bodies for all federal agencies. While PESC promotes the implementation and usage of data exchange standards, PESC does not set (create or establish) policies related to privacy and security. Organizations and entities using PESC Approved Standards and services should ensure they comply with FERPA and all local, state, federal and international rules on privacy and security as applicable.

In its 15th year, PESC is proud to have many of the leaders in education technology among its membership and participating in its Common Data Services Task Force - leaders that are driving not only the adoption and implementation of data standards, but improved interoperable products and services that directly benefit students, schools, parents and states across all of Education.
For more information, please visit [www.pesc.org](http://www.pesc.org).
(1) any prior perception inadvertently created is hereby corrected with this announcement

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Established in 1997 and located in Washington, D.C., PESC is an international non-profit, community-based, 501 (c)(3) umbrella association of data, software and education technology service providers; colleges and universities; college and university systems; professional and commercial organizations; non-profit organizations and associations; and local, state and federal government agencies. Through open and transparent community participation, PESC enables cost-effective connectivity between data systems to accelerate performance and service, to simplify data access and research, and to improve data quality along the Education lifecycle.

PESC envisions national and international interoperability within the Education domain, supported by a trustworthy, inter-connected network called EdUnify built by and between communities of interest in which data flows seamlessly from one system to another and throughout the entire eco-system when and where needed without compatibility barriers but in a safe, secure, reliable, and efficient manner.

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