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PublicSchoolWORKS Adds 'Fraud Reporting System' to its 'EmployeeSafe® Suite'

***Anonymous online reporting tool provides mechanism for staff to report
fraudulent behavior, accounting inconsistencies and other fiscal mishaps***

Cincinnati, OH – January 14, 2010 – As many school districts grow in size, administrators have come to realize that not all crimes committed on school grounds cause physical harm. Fraudulent activities in many forms are becoming a growing concern for schools districts. With this in mind, PublicSchoolWORKS introduces the Fraud Reporting System to the EmployeeSafe Suite. By providing staff with the ability to file anonymous reports, complaints or suspicious activity, schools are addressing behavior that could otherwise go undetected for long periods of time before ever being investigated.

The Fraud Reporting System is the newest management system within the PublicSchoolWORKS' EmployeeSafe Suite. The system includes 24/7 online anonymous reporting. The management system allows employees to report fraudulent behavior, accounting inconsistencies, ethical lapses and other concerns to districts. Each report is tracked from submission through investigation.

Because the system is web-based, any administrator, teacher or staff member can submit a concern from any location via a computer. In addition, online training is available for employees to train them on specific issues regarding fraudulent behaviors in order to make staff aware of this behavior and the steps they need to take to report effectively should they encounter any illegal or unethical activities.

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Too often schools don't realize financial fraud is occurring until its time to prepare the yearly audit. At this time, the money is gone, the deals have been written with vendors, or the employee has moved on to another venture. With this program, districts are proactive by making employees aware of the behavior red flags and encouraging them to report tips and situations anonymously.

"Understanding the actions or behaviors that are illegal often deter people from partaking in such activities. Our goal is to help districts put systems in place that will educate employees on the types of behaviors they should be watching out for in themselves and others and, when witnessed, giving them a mechanism to report such actions before its too late," said Tom Strasburger, VP of PublicSchoolWORKS. "Many times when employees know what constitutes fraud, they are more likely to steer clear of the action. At the same time, by giving employees the tools to make reports anonymously empowers them to take control of a situation before it gets out of hand. With proper training, employees can work in an honest environment and administrators are confident that staff members are aware of behaviors that could create challenges for them and for the organization."

PublicSchoolWORKS helps districts nationwide implement comprehensive safety and compliance management systems. The company's two separate suites, EmployeeSafe and StudentWatch, offer practical and cost-effective solutions for managing health and safety requirements for districts. This management system completely manages, tracks, records and documents completion of safety compliance requirements and includes all of the necessary content (training, written plans, forms, etc.) to make districts a safe place to work and learn.

About PublicSchoolWORKS

Since its founding in 2000, PublicSchoolWORKS has been committed to providing top-quality, practical and cost-effective solutions to the constantly changing environmental, health and safety requirements affecting the nation's educational systems. The company has gained an exemplary reputation for the innovation and technical superiority of its comprehensive and integrated safety and compliance management systems, which combine administrative software tools and resources to dramatically reduce the time and cost required to develop, implement, and sustain safety compliance programs. For more information visit us on the web at www.publicschoolworks.com.