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**ASCEND EDUCATION JOINS FORCES WITH LEARN TO BRING MATH INTERVENTION TO CONNECTICUT STUDENTS**

Shreveport, LA (November 15, 2011), Ascend Education announces a partnership with [LEARN](#) to support and bring Ascend Math to Connecticut schools and students.

LEARN, a Regional Educational Service Center (RESA), serves 25 school districts in southeastern Connecticut. LEARN is one of six RESAs in the state whose purpose is to enhance the quality of education and provide solutions for identified needs through a wide range of programs and services. LEARN will be the central contact for Ascend Math purchases in the state for all Connecticut RESAs.

“Our mission aligns closely with that of LEARN in that we offer high quality instructional resources that help students succeed in school,” said Kevin Briley, CEO, Ascend Education. “We are extremely pleased to work with LEARN to provide targeted intervention instructional resources to Connecticut students. This partnership will offer the benefits of local professional development and ongoing support of RESA member school districts, ensuring the success of implementations and increased student math scores across the state. An additional benefit of our partnership in these challenging economic times is our ability to pass along cost savings to member districts on Ascend Math purchases”.

Ascend Math meets the needs of diverse student populations and offers differentiated learning paths for students in Response to Intervention programs, Special Education, Title I, General Education, Exceptional Learning programs, Alternative Education and credit recovery programs. Ascend’s proven approach to providing targeted math intervention utilizing adaptive technology provides a tool that will enable the Connecticut RESAs to help their member districts meet the rigorous academic demands placed on them.

Focused specifically on closing math skill gaps quickly, Ascend Math is being successfully implemented in a wide range of instructional settings, including before/after school programs, classrooms, computer labs, alternative learning environments and for at home use. One reason LEARN chose to partner with Ascend Education was the rapid achievement gains reported at schools in Connecticut and across the country.

Mark Levanto of Dual Language and Arts Magnet Middle School, Waterford, CT stated “ Ascend Math provided students with the opportunity to get extra practice on math skills that had been identified as weaknesses. It allowed students to work at their own pace, free of the pressures of peer attention. It also allowed one teacher to provide targeted and positive reinforcement to sixteen students at one time. Finally, it gave students an activity they could work on at home to strengthen skills and build confidence.”

Ascend Education, in partnership with LEARN, offers training, webinars and support statewide to districts. For more information, contact Paula Cymbala at LEARN [pcymbala@learn.k12.ct.us](mailto:pcymbala@learn.k12.ct.us).

**About Ascend Math** Ascend Math is a research based instructional resource in which students have proven to achieve two or more grade level gains in a six month period. This web delivered individualized intervention resource identifies skill gaps, prescribes targeted instruction and motivates students to achieve their maximum performance and potential.

Ascend Math offers intensive math intervention instructional resources, addresses multiple learning modalities by delivering video instruction, student-centered concept explorations, interactive practice with immediate feedback and opportunities for re-teaching, and printable resources.

Ascend's fully automated solution reduces the demands on teachers' time. Ascend's approach supports improved math achievement regardless of students' reading levels. This resource provides important support for ESE, ESL/ESOL and students with special needs through the use of video, audio and multimedia components. Ascend's reports assist in simplifying progress monitoring and help meet Federal audit guidelines.

Study plans align by grade level to National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) standards, Core Curriculum and state standards. Instruction is delivered in a logical math sequence and students can progress at their own pace and track their own progress and success. Ascend Math is currently used by hundreds of schools and districts serving tens of thousands of students throughout the U.S. and Canada. Visit [www.AscendMath.com](http://www.AscendMath.com)

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