AbleNet and MAXIMUS Announce Alliance to Provide Special Education Data Capture and Reporting Program to Nation’s School Districts

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Seamless integration of AbleNet’s Web-based IEP data collection, analysis, and management Flourish software with the MAXIMUS TIENET solution

ST. PAUL, Minn. & RESTON, Va.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--AbleNet, Inc. and MAXIMUS, Inc. announced today an alliance to provide Flourish™, AbleNet’s special education data collection, analysis, and management software, with the MAXIMUS TIENET® special education management solution.

Together, these two products provide a powerful tool for school administrators to record, track and assess the performance of students in special education programs and meet Individual Education Program (IEP) requirements. The MAXIMUS TIENET software solution helps school districts manage their special education instruction, assessment, and intervention activities while meeting federal requirements. The AbleNet Flourish product enables educators to capture the ongoing essential IEP goal/objective data and conduct further analysis and integration to assess each student’s progress in meeting all IEP goals. This helps school administrators and educators track the progress of students in special education, and connect that progress to state education standards. In addition, this individual data can be placed in aggregate to view programmatic improvements and the effects of district wide initiatives in special education.

“AbleNet is looking forward to working with the MAXIMUS team to provide a seamless data capture and management tool for school districts,” said AbleNet CEO Jen Thalhuber. “We are pleased that MAXIMUS values the Flourish data management tool.”

“This alliance allows us to provide a powerful and comprehensive student special education system utilizing TIENET and Flourish,” commented Dr. Philip E. Geiger, Division Senior Vice President of MAXIMUS PreK-12 Educational Services. “With AbleNet’s 25 years of experience working with special education departments across the country, we see great potential in helping more schools effectively leverage TIENET and Flourish to achieve department goals for students.”

MAXIMUS is currently installing its TIENET system district wide for New York City Schools and AbleNet is implementing Flourish within the schools in this district as well. “New York City Schools has found the two solutions to work extremely well together, bringing the sophisticated TIENET IEP management system endorsed by the Council of Administrators of Special Education (CASE) and the Flourish software for data capture, analysis, and management with IEP goals connected to state standards,” said Ann Meyer, Vice President of Curriculum and Software for AbleNet.

About AbleNet

AbleNet is an international company and industry leader in providing educational and technical solutions to help children and adults with disabilities lead productive and fulfilled lives. This includes a complete line of communication aids for nonverbal individuals; access aids, such as switches and wheelchair mounting devices for people who require physical supports; and special education classroom curriculum and software that both enhance and help ensure learning progress. The products are represented in more than 60 countries and used in hundreds of thousands of classrooms in the United States and across the globe. AbleNet is an ESOP company located in Roseville, Minnesota. For more information visit www.ablenetinc.com.

About MAXIMUS

MAXIMUS is a leading provider of government services worldwide and is devoted to providing health and human services program management and consulting services to its clients. The Company has more than 6,500 employees located in more than 220 offices in the United States, Canada, Australia, the United Kingdom, and Israel. Additionally, MAXIMUS is included in the Russell 2000 Index and the S&P SmallCap 600 Index.