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## **Anchorage School District Gives 7,000 At-Risk Students Access to New Online Math Tutor Created by Whizz Education**

*Adopting Math-Whizz part of the school's RTI Initiative to provide personalized instruction to raise student achievement*

**Seattle, WA (November 17, 2011)** Whizz Education, creator of the online math tutor, Math-Whizz, announced today that the Anchorage School District is providing 7,000 at-risk students with access to Math-Whizz Tutoring Plus. The new online math tutor is part of the school's Response to Instruction (RTI) initiative to adapt instruction to the specific needs of individual students to raise student achievement.

"We underwent a rigorous evaluation process of solution providers who could help us provide personalized math instruction to our students," said Darla Jones, the district's executive director of Curriculum and Instructional Support. "We selected Whizz Education's program because it continually assesses the performance of each individual student and adjusts in real-time to strengthen the student's skills and improve his or her weaknesses. We are confident that we will see a significant improvement in the math mastery of our students."

Julie Patotzka, a Summer School Teacher at Bayshore Elementary School, used the program over the summer with a group of fifth and sixth graders. She said, "Every student, regardless of his or her attitude toward math, was actively engaged with and excited about the program. After 19 days of use, three of the 15 students improved their Math Ages by 0.31, 0.30, and 0.29 years respectively. Many were spurred to work harder after seeing their reports."

The program also involves teachers and parents in the process. From the online platform that can be accessed anytime, anywhere with a computer and internet connection, teachers and parents can monitor student progress, email students encouraging messages and print certificates of achievement.

"Our mission is to provide students with both the information and inspiration they need to succeed," said Ben Keogh, CEO of Whizz Education in the United States. "We have no doubt that the Anchorage School District will see the same success from using Math-Whizz that schools all over the world have experienced."

To ensure the ongoing quality of the implementation, Whizz Education is delivering a customized training for teachers and in-classroom support designed around the District's instructional goals. Math-Whizz will provide the teachers and administrators in the Anchorage School District with easy to interpret outcomes

that will clearly show actual and relative math ability of students, classes and schools.

**About Whizz Education**

Whizz Education, creator of the award-winning, online math tutoring program, Math-Whizz, is the leading provider of dynamic online math instruction and instructional resources for grades K-8. Whizz Education's personalized, interactive and collaborative approach to teaching math is raising math achievement for thousands of students in over 40 countries. By engaging students in entertaining challenges, individualizing the curriculum for each student, and involving teachers and parents in the process, Math-Whizz is changing the math education equation. For more information about Whizz Education, Inc. and the Math-Whizz suite of services, visit <http://www.whizz.us>.