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School District No. 23 Honoured with Computerworld Laureate Designation

Kelowna, BC: School District No. 23's Together iLearn program has been recognized as a 2008 Laureate by the Computerworld Information Technology Awards Foundation. This year's Honorees will be commemorated during the 20th Annual Laureates Medal Ceremony & Gala Awards Evening on June 2, 2008 in Washington, D.C. Fifty Laureates will be unveiled as finalists at the ceremony and three will receive top honours.

Together iLearn is an innovative program developed by School District No. 23 to provide students the use of a laptop computer to complete course work at home and at school. Students also develop computer skills that are vital in a growing number of job fields. Through this program, students who would otherwise not be able to afford a computer have the same access as their classmates. Together iLearn began in the 2006/2007 school year following extensive planning regarding software, hardware, and ongoing maintenance. Together iLearn operated on a budget of 2.38 million in the 2007/2008 school year.

"We are very pleased to be recognized by Computerworld," said Jon Rever, Director of Technology and Education Services. "Together iLearn is the largest program of its kind in British Columbia. School District No. 23 has been a trailblazer in developing and evolving this program. We have heard many positive comments about improved student performance and greater enthusiasm for doing home work and research. Together iLearn has been a significant project requiring a tremendous amount of teamwork so this is a real honour."

Established in 1988, The Computerworld Honors Program brings together a group of 100 chairpeople/CEOs of global technology companies to recognize and document the achievements of the men, women, organizations and institutions around the world, whose visionary applications of information technology promote positive social, economic and educational change. The Together iLearn Case Study was prepared and submitted by Rever.

"Each year, the Computerworld Honors Program seeks to recognize organizations from a variety of sectors for their ongoing efforts to utilize technology in order to benefit society," said Ron Milton, Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Computerworld Information Technology Awards Foundation and Executive Vice President of Computerworld.

The achievements honored by Computerworld are preserved in national archives and in more than 350 universities, museums and research institutions throughout the world.

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