



FOLLETT SOFTWARE COMPANY INTRODUCES COGNITE™

New technology helps create a K-12 digital learning environment for teachers, students, parents

MCHENRY, Ill., March 4, 2010 – With leading-edge technology that engages the 21st century learner, [Follett Software Company](#) today introduced [Cognite™](#), an easy-to-use digital learning environment that integrates discovery tools, retrieval and communication with the goal of creating a vibrant experience where K-12 students excel. Cognite is the newest solution built on Follett Software's tradition of educational excellence, helping to enrich the K-12 learning experience.

Geared to empower students, engage parents and give school administrators and teachers the ally they've been seeking to digitally enhance the classroom, Cognite focuses on student achievement and promises to be as collaborative on campus as it will be at home.

"We know from district leaders and teachers who we talk to on a daily basis that they feel it is more important than ever to help educators spend more time with their students, engage the student with digital discovery tools and resources and ensure that parents feel they are a key part of the educational experience," said Follett Software's Lisa Lee, program director for Cognite. "Connecting these audiences through technology, Cognite will augment the digital transformation that we're seeing in learning environments coast to coast, and reinforce the essential skills that allow students to explore and express themselves."

Thus far, Cognite has been or is in the process of being tested with three beta districts: Alki Middle School and Skyview High School in Vancouver, Wash.; Oak Hammock School (K-8) in St. Lucie, Fla.; and Veterans Memorial Middle School and Hoover and Roosevelt elementary schools in Melrose, Mass.

Tommy Brow, principal at Veterans Memorial Middle School of Melrose, Mass., is thrilled with what Cognite is delivering.

"The parents are able to discover the exciting things that are happening in their child's classes. The students, teachers and parents are able to share up-to-date specific information," Brow said. "Cognite affords us an easy-to-use, online opportunity to collaborate and organize information. It's just what we were looking for. We love the Cognite program!"

According to Lee, Cognite will help organize the K-12 classroom by giving teachers the opportunity to spend more quality time with their students. The product will serve as a key liaison in helping teachers develop and disseminate lesson plans, create assignments, grade projects and communicate with parents and students from anywhere at any time. Parents, Lee added, will have an easy-to-access place where they can stay informed about their child's progress in real time with information on assignments, grades and class activities.

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As a discovery tool, Cognite will help students:

- Find and use educational materials at any time of the day, from the classroom or at home
- Collaborate easily with teachers and each other, promoting idea sharing
- Get excited about learning in an interactive, user-friendly environment
- Develop 21st century learning skills, including critical thinking, research and problem solving abilities

For more information about Cognite, visit www.FollettSoftware.com/Cognite, where a [video](#) – Cognite: Your Digital Learning Environment – is available for viewing. For more information about Follett Software Company, visit www.FollettSoftware.com or call 800.323.3397.

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