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## **Houghton Mifflin Harcourt's SkillsTutor Helps School Districts Acquire Leading Hardware Solutions**

Company aims to ease financial, infrastructure requirements of schools, while providing best-in-class test prep and tutoring that align to Common Core State Standards

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SkillsTutor , a division of global education leader Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (HMH), today announced new cost-effective options for customers to purchase its comprehensive student improvement programs. Being mindful of financial and infrastructure needs at schools everywhere, SkillsTutor now gives customers the option of receiving significant reduction in product pricing, or new hardware solutions for students. With these options, SkillsTutor seeks to eliminate the difficult decision for schools, between necessary hardware or software. The initial phase of this program was first announced at the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) conference in June, in coordination with Intel and Equus Computer Systems, Inc.

"Our customers are looking for a total solution that includes content, assessment, professional development, and a device to deliver the program," said Adam Hall, President of SkillsTutor. "As a company, SkillsTutor understands that education companies must provide products and services to meet these demands."

SkillsTutor seeks to further support the growing appetite for digital and mobile learning solutions. This new offering allows school districts to implement the best software, without having to forgo new hardware. SkillsTutor programs also align to Common Core State Standards.

Mount Diablo Unified School District in Concord, California is one such district that has taken advantage of this new offering, receiving 40 new Apple iPads for its students through this initiative.

"We currently use SkillsTutor as a test preparation tool for seven of our schools, and continue to be extremely pleased," said Ali Medina, Mount Diablo Unified School District. "Our students and administrators have been selected to pilot iPads in our district, so to receive 40 extra devices with our SkillsTutor subscription has been very helpful from a cost perspective."

SkillsTutor is a device-agnostic platform, supporting the most common mobile operating systems, which include iOS, Android and Windows Mobile.

For more information on SkillsTutor, visit <http://www.skillstutor.com> .

About Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

With education products and services used by 57 million students throughout all 50 U.S. states and 120 countries, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt is a global education and learning company. The world's largest provider of materials for pre-K-12 learning, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt is leading the way with innovative solutions and approaches to the challenges facing education today. Through curricula excellence coupled with technology innovations and professional services, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt collaborates with school districts, administrators, teachers, parents and students, providing interactive, results-driven learning solutions. Its Educational Consulting Services group works to increase student achievement in underperforming schools by developing, implementing and supporting education transformation through sustained district partnerships. With origins dating back to 1832, the Company also publishes an extensive line of reference works and award-winning literature for adults and young readers. For more information, visit [www.hmhco.com](http://www.hmhco.com) .

#### About SkillsTutor

SkillsTutor, a division of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, is a leader in e-learning solutions for the K-Adult learner. SkillsTutor publishes online supplemental programs that are used to help increase proficiency in math, reading, writing, language, science, and workforce readiness. It can be used as a teacher-aided instructional tool or as a one-on-one tutoring resource with minimal guidance. Differentiated instruction, diagnostic testing, prescriptive assignments and automatic reporting are incorporated. A powerful, easy-to-use management system allows users to assign lessons by standard and monitor progress while providing administrators and teachers real-time usage and performance data. SkillsTutor leverages the multimedia capabilities of smart mobile devices and extends "anytime, anywhere" access. Its best-in-class, award winning solutions are research-based, align to state and national standards, and are proven to deliver results. For more information about SkillsTutor, visit [www.skillstutor.com](http://www.skillstutor.com) .

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