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A SchoolTool™ Districts Can Use

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SchoolTool™ is a web-based, interactive, district-wide, student information management system that provides realtime access to centralized data. It is designed to be used at school sites and district administrative offices. SchoolTool™ fully automates a school's daily activities and is designed specifically with New York State requirements in mind.

Some of the many features include timely, accurate class scheduling, attendance tracking, grading, census reporting, STEP and LEAP data tracking, discipline tracking and medical information. The application is designed to improve communication and provide powerful analytic capabilities. It performs effortless and accurate reporting, centralizes data storage, and provides unique learning and assessment. Furthermore, SchoolTool™ can be customized specifically for your school and district for optimal utilization of its benefits.

SchoolTool™ can be accessed from any PC with Internet access: at home, school, library, or at the office.

SchoolTool™ was developed on Microsoft's .Net platform. Hardware requirements vary depending on the size of your district.

Mindex, the company that developed SchoolTool™, has entered into a partnership with Monroe #1 BOCES. Mindex is responsible for the development of the student application and BOCES will be responsible for the long term support of the product. Nan Notar, one of our seasoned liaisons, is currently responsible for supporting districts using SchoolTool™. East Rochester Union Free School District has been using SchoolTool™ for 2 years and Holley CSD has used this software for 1 year. Brighton has been piloting SchoolTool™ and has begun implementation.

Mindex, a Rochester firm, is committed to marketing SchoolTool™ in our region as well as other areas in New York State. They are also committed to customizing their product to meet the needs of specific districts. This newly formed partnership is yet another example of BOCES Technology Services forming relationships with outside companies in order to become familiar with the latest technological innovations. The ultimate goal of this partnership is to better meet the needs of our districts.

For more information on SchoolTool™ or if you would like to see a demonstration of this product, please contact Bill Metherell at 383-6472 or e-mail him at bill_metherell@boces.monroe.edu or Kathy Scheible at 383-2241. Kathy's e-mail address is kathy_scheible@boces.monroe.edu.