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**LEXIA LEARNING SYSTEMS ANNOUNCES UPGRADE TO
AWARD-WINNING READING STRATEGIES FOR OLDER STUDENTS SOFTWARE**

*New User Interface and Management Tools Help Schools & Literacy Programs Develop
Reading Skills and Track Student Progress*

LINCOLN, MA, September 6, 2005 – Lexia Learning Systems, Inc. today announced the upgrade of Lexia Reading S.O.S. (Strategies for Older Students) to *Lexia Strategies for Older Students™ Version 4.0*. Lexia Strategies for Older Students now sports a new user interface to engage older students in a mature way, and a centralized management and administrative system to enable seamless information sharing from class to class and grade to grade. These enhancements make it easier for administrators and teachers to provide more individualized classroom instruction, to track student progress and to achieve 100% reading proficiency.

Now Lexia's complete line of reading software products incorporates a common management system making it easier than ever for schools to address students' diverse reading development needs and to track progress from pre-school through proficiency. Beginning with Lexia Early Reading® for ages 4-6, then Lexia Primary Reading™ for ages 5 – 8 and culminating with Lexia Strategies for Older Students for ages 9 – adult, Lexia's software incorporates the tenets put forth in Reading First and by the National Reading Panel regarding the development of the core reading skills: phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency and comprehension. The software sequentially and systematically develops reading proficiency by providing practice through mastery in each of the critical skill areas.

Lexia Strategies for Older Students V 4.0 is now an even more powerful skill building complement to any core-reading program. "The new graphics and illustrations make the software appealing to a broader range of students keeping them on task until they master the foundation skills proven to underlie reading," said Jon Bower, CEO of Lexia Learning Systems. "Not only that, but the new reporting features provide a real-time formative assessment, so that teachers can address each learner's needs."

Key new features include:

- Mature, yet non-distracting, user interface and illustrations keep older students engaged

- Centralized administration of student data shared with other Lexia programs allows teachers to track progress during the school year, and from year to year
- Onscreen flags and symbols in reports identify struggling students and alert teachers to their needs
- Reporting features provide tools for analyzing progress data at the student, teaching group and classroom levels
- Import and export feature enables student data sharing with other vendors' applications, providing unified data management
- Complete teacher control over the selection of program levels, activities and units for each student
- Spanish and English directions support ESL learners
- Three security levels provide students, teachers, administrators and IT managers with access to the data and tasks they need while protecting sensitive student information

As in the previous version, the interactive exercises branch automatically, depending on the student's performance – providing practice on specific areas of difficulty when needed and moving students to more challenging activities when they are ready.

Lexia Strategies for Older Students is currently available to schools, learning centers, prisons, community colleges, and literacy programs through Lexia representatives nationwide and directly to families on Lexia's web site. For more information, visit www.lexialearning.com.

About Lexia

Lexia Learning Systems, headquartered in Lincoln, Mass., is a developer of software to support basic skills development in people of all ages – from pre-schoolers to adults, professional development courses, and curriculum materials. Today, Lexia's programs are used in over 12,000 schools, adult education centers, tutoring centers and correctional facilities, and in homes. Lexia reading software has won numerous awards including the *District Administration* "District Choice Award" in 1994, 1998 and 2003; the Association of Educational Publishers "Distinguished Achievement Award"; and the National Parenting Publications "Gold Award." For more information, call 1-800-435-3942 or visit the Web site at www.lexialearning.com.

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