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EDUCATORS CLAIM TOO MUCH TIME SPENT ON TESTING; STILL LACKING SUFFICIENT DATA AND RESOURCES TO PROVIDE DIFFERENTIATED AND TARGETED LEARNING

SAN FRANCISCO – March 28 – Most educators agree that effective learning requires differentiated practice, timely and detailed assessment data, and targeted instructional methods to address skill gaps. However, a survey of superintendents, supervisors, principals and teachers attending the ASCD Annual Conference in San Francisco, Calif., indicated that most lack the data and instructional tools to deliver effective learning.

The informal survey, conducted by [Lexia Learning Systems, Inc.](#)[®], polled more than 200 education professionals at the ASCD Conference. Attendees were asked about their school or district's ability to gather and use data to provide targeted, differentiated learning.

One out of four educators indicated that it is too difficult for teachers to obtain the data they need to affect classroom instruction, while more than a third feel they spend too much time testing. In addition, less than one-third of teachers felt they had the resources to offer targeted instruction, and even fewer (25 percent) believed their students receive enough differentiated instruction.

“One of the biggest challenges educators face is the process of gathering meaningful student data without having to invest the time and money in administering tests,” said Lexia President and CEO Nick Gaehde. “The future of reading education is one that provides teachers with detailed, meaningful data and explicit tools and methods for delivering differentiated and targeted instruction.”

In more than 13,000 schools across the country, educators are benefiting from a seamless process for providing individualized practice, integrated assessment, and targeted skills instruction. Lexia Reading, nationally recognized as one of the most comprehensive reading software programs available, is helping to shape the future of reading education by providing a differentiated, data-driven and targeted system to deliver independent, individualized practice and differentiated instruction.

Lexia offers support for critical reading skills development for all students in grades pre-K–4, as well as for students in grades 5-12 needing to accelerate their reading skills progress. The program includes more than 900 age-appropriate activities conforming to federal guidelines and focused on the five major areas of reading. Students using the Web-based, SIF certified program work independently as the software automatically differentiates the content to match each student's skill level; detecting when additional practice is needed and advancing students to the next level when skills have been mastered. Lexia's Assessment Without Testing[™] technology gives administrators and teachers instant access to performance data gathered from students' daily activities in the program—without stopping the flow of instruction to administer tests or wait for results. The software quickly identifies students at risk for reading failure, highlighting specific skill deficits and aggregating student performance data at the student, class, school or district level.



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