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THREE LEADERS LEAD THE WAY TO BLENDED LEARNING
Collaboration brings together best practices

ORLANDO, FL (Oct. 31, 2013) – Ucompass, developer of the highly successful Educator Learning Management System, has teamed with its long-time partners Florida Virtual School[®] (FLVS[®]) and the Leon County (Florida) School District (LCS) to create a platform that will bring powerful teaching and learning tools to the classroom.

The early results of their collaboration were on display Oct. 28-30 to attendees of the iNACOL Blended and Online Learning Symposium in Orlando, Florida.

Leaders from the partnered organizations took the stage to discuss how they are bringing together their respective strengths in education technology (Ucompass), digital curriculum (FLVS), and school district infrastructure leadership (LCS) to combine the best of both online and classroom instruction.

The presentation centered on the seven foundational pillars the team believes are critical to the success of the initiative: personalized and prescriptive learning; responsive design; data warehousing; systems integration; increased connectivity; 1:1 device strategy; gaming and activities.

Ucompass' flagship platform, Educator, has powered Florida Virtual School classrooms since 2003 and the Leon County Schools online classrooms since 2010. The new platform, called Educator 3, will be piloted in Leon County Schools with plans of a wider release to start the 2014-15 school year.

"We believe it is only a matter of time before the technologies traditionally associated with online learning will be ubiquitous in the classroom for the benefit of students, teachers, and parents at all grade levels everywhere." says Edward Mansouri, Ucompass' CEO and President. "This innovative partnership with two leaders in education positions us to lead the way forward."

"This collaboration gives us the opportunity to understand and take the steps needed to make our award-winning content even more beneficial in blended learning environments," stated Julie Young, Florida Virtual School President and CEO.

"We are delighted to bring our experiences as a leading school district to this collaboration." says Leon County Schools Superintendent Jackie Pons. "Our partners have both been pioneers in online learning for more than 15 years and we have been very impressed with their ability to bring their craft into the classroom."

About Ucompass:

Ucompass (<http://www.ucompass.com/company/>) is a software and services company that offers innovative technology solutions coupled with superior service, training, and support. Since 1998, more than 200 clients have engaged over 2 million students with Ucompass' technology solutions. The company's Octane product, unveiled in May 2011, has revolutionized the way publishers can enhance their content.

About Florida Virtual School:

Florida Virtual School (<http://www.flvs.net>) is an established leader in developing and providing virtual K-12 education solutions to students in Florida, the U.S., and the world. A nationally recognized e-Learning model and recipient of numerous awards, FLVS was founded in 1997 and was the country's first statewide, Internet-based public high school. Today, FLVS provides a variety of custom solutions for schools and districts to meet student needs.

About Leon County Schools:

The mission of Leon County Schools is to prepare students to become responsible, respectful, independent learners equipped with the critical thinking skills necessary to compete in our global society.

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