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CoSN Expands State Network in New Partnership with Colorado Education Technology Leaders

CALET Becomes CoSN's Eighth State Chapter

Washington, DC (November 13, 2007) – The Consortium for School Networking (CoSN) today announced the launch of the association's newest state chapter in Colorado. CoSN will now have a local presence in the state through a new partnership with the Colorado Association of Leaders in Educational Technology (CALET), a department of the Colorado Association of School Executives (CASE). The eighth in CoSN's state network, the Colorado chapter will be comprised of educators, technology specialists and school and district level decision makers who are dedicated to integrating technology in schools to achieve educational objectives.

"This new partnership with Colorado's premier association of school leaders is a 'win-win' for CoSN and CALET. On a statewide level, CALET has demonstrated its commitment to enhancing Colorado's educational technology leadership. We look forward to working with the association's members to advance technology advocacy efforts both on the local and national level," said Katie Lovett, Chair of CoSN and Chief Information Officer of Fulton County Schools in Georgia.

"Our partnership with CoSN will help CALET to better serve school and district technology leaders across the state. Access to cutting-edge research, training tools, and a pipeline to the national education technology policy arena will bring a value-added dimension to our association," said Jeff Pearson, president of CALET.

Through the partnership, CALET will be linked into CoSN's national network of educational technology leaders from across the country who share resources and information on best practices in technology. This collaborative effort will also afford CALET access to professional development and leadership resources, allowing the association to fortify its efforts to impact state education policy.

"Over the past few years, CALET has emerged as a strong voice for education technology in Colorado. Our affiliation with CoSN strengthens our leadership influence, and will be a mutually beneficial partnership," said Dan Maas,

president of CASE and Chief Information Officer of the Littleton (CO) Public Schools.

As with other CoSN state chapters, there will be unified dues between the state chapter and CoSN national dues. CoSN has chapters in California, Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland, New Mexico, Pennsylvania and Texas.

For more information about CoSN state chapters, please visit www.cosn.org/chapters/index.cfm.

For more information about CALET and CASE, please visit <http://www.co-case.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=580>.

About the Consortium for School Networking (CoSN)

CoSN is the country's premier voice in education technology leadership, serving K-12 technology leaders who through their strategic use of technology, improve teaching and learning. CoSN provides products and services to support and nurture leadership development, advocacy, coalition building, and awareness of emerging technologies.

CoSN leadership initiatives include: Using Technology to Raise the Achievement of ALL Students (www.accessibletech4all.org); Cyber Security for the Digital District (www.securedistrict.org); Data-Driven Decision-Making (www.3d2know.org) K-12 Open Technologies (www.k12opentech.org); Taking Total Cost of Ownership to the Classroom (www.classroomtco.org); Value of Investment (www.edtechvoi.org) and the development of the Council of School District Chief Technology Officers (CTO Council).

CoSN's membership includes a unique blend of education and technology leaders, policy makers, and influencers from the public and private sectors. Our audience includes key technology leaders (often called Chief Technology Officers—CTOs) in leading-edge states and districts, policy makers, private sector leaders, as well as those technology leaders who wish to accelerate their districts' or states' systemic technology use. Visit www.cosn.org or phone 866.267.8747 to find out more about CoSN's programs and activities supporting leadership development to ensure that information technology has a direct and positive impact on student learning in elementary and secondary schools.

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