



## **VOICE SMART NETWORKS FOSTERS TECHNOLOGY ADOPTION WITH K-12 SCHOOLS**

*Leading Unified Communications  
Provider Helps Education Leverage  
Today's Technology*

LOS ANGELES/VENTURA/ORANGE COUNTY/SAN DIEGO — October 29, 2013 — Voice Smart Networks, a leading provider of unified communications, announced today that the company will be launching a program designed specifically for the education market. Today's teachers are utilizing outdated technology which is not only robbing them of much needed functionality but is also incurring unnecessary expenses during tough economic times. Voice Smart Networks is actively spreading awareness about several of today's technology advancements which increase a school's capacity to collaborate, establish continuous communication channels and most importantly, improve overall campus security. These developments are affecting the lives of students, teachers, faculty, administrators and parents alike.

"Today's school phone system is not like our parents' phone system," stated Dale Stein, Partner of Voice Smart Networks. "Today, we're able to provide educators with dramatically greater levels of communication and security than ever before. Frankly, this technology simply didn't exist in years past, and we're thrilled to finally be able to bring this caliber of technology to our school systems, for a cost that they can

actually afford, especially since the features are much needed."

One of the growing concerns of schools across the nation is security. With the unfortunate growth of domestic terrorism, this issue of campus safety has come to the forefront of discussion. Recent advancements in technology have given Voice Smart Networks the ability to increase overall campus security like never before. One example is the development in instant messaging capabilities. For instance, in the event of an intruder on campus, students and teachers are now able to receive instant notification on their phones and 911 lockdowns are immediately initiated. In the event of such an emergency, two-way classroom communication allows teachers to speak back and forth with a central office than waiting for help. Such security is invaluable and provides far greater levels of comfort for parents and local district officials of schools that are deploying this type of technology.

Another far less dramatic usage for the same instant mass messaging technology, is targeted group messaging. An example of this in action would be if a basketball game were being cancelled, all patrons, students, athletes, officials, parents and transportation could immediately be notified of the cancellation, instead of having to coordinate with everyone separately. Furthermore, these messaging functions also ensure that the sent messages are delivered, received

and read by the intended recipient, adding a new element of clarity.

Another in-classroom example of new technology impacting educators is the fact that teachers can now eliminate the mundane repetitiveness of taking daily classroom attendance. It is now commonplace for students to have cell phones and teachers can now take attendance with the push of a button via cell phone. There are plenty of other features and advancements to examine but the real breakthrough is in the discount programs, which have been created to bring this technology within a schools grasp.

The National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) is a government subsidized program which has helped to make this technology affordable for schools and institutions. If schools join NJPA, they will gain access to preferential pricing to many of the technology solutions mentioned above. Programs like these help bridge the gap from dream to reality and are improving the safety and efficiency of schools across the nation.

### **ABOUT VOICE SMART NETWORKS**

Founded in 1982, Voice Smart Networks is Southern California's leading data and voice company. The company's mission is to increase its customers' profitability, improve their productivity and give them a competitive advantage by implementing the right technology. Voice Smart Networks is the only provider that protects its customers

from the two risks of technology - obsolescence and cost. As its customers' trusted technology advisor, Voice Smart Networks has earned the position as the market leader and its customers' business through quality products and services.

As a premier member of Technology Assurance Group, Voice Smart Networks is able to fulfill all of its customers' technology needs. This means that the organization is the ultimate resource for business phone systems (VoIP and Session Initiation Protocol (SIP)

provisioning), Managed IT Services, Network Security, Video Conferencing and Disaster Recovery.

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