



## **Idaho Department of Education Adopts Financial Literacy Program from Realityworks, Inc.**

*Idaho selects TimeMAPS Money Management and Life Skills Program for all PTE-FACS programs*

EAU CLAIRE, Wis. (Mar. 3, 2010) – The Idaho Department of Education has adopted the [TimeMAPS Money Management & Life Skills Program](#) from Realityworks, Inc., as a resource in the Professional-Technical Education/Family Consumer Science classification for grades 9-12. The financial literacy software and curriculum was approved to help districts ensure students meet graduation requirements, and the requirements of the [Idaho State Standards](#).

The Idaho Department of Education considers a one-semester personal finance course necessary to prepare students for life and work in the 21st century, stressing the importance of students having basic knowledge of economics and personal finance before entering college or the workforce.

“The recent economic turmoil we’ve witnessed serves as an important lesson for students across our nation,” says Timmothy Boettcher, president of Realityworks. “We’re happy to see that the Idaho Department of Education recognizes the need for comprehensive financial literacy education to ensure students are well prepared for their futures.”

The *TimeMAPS* software program features 13 themes with 54 lessons and more than 140 interactive exercises on personal finance concepts. The software culminates in a Life Simulator that demonstrates how students’ financial decisions can affect them in the future.

The *TimeMAPS* program uses the most recent financial data provided by the federal government and is updated annually for all regions in the United States. *TimeMAPS* also includes a comprehensive curriculum CD, and access to customizable, online assessments that minimize paperwork for educators, allowing more time for instruction.

In addition to the *TimeMAPS* package, a student resource CD is available to extend learning beyond the classroom. The CD contains worksheets, reviews, quizzes and projects that students can use to reinforce financial literacy lessons taught from the curriculum.

For more information on *TimeMAPS*, and how it meets the Idaho State Standards, visit <http://www.teachingpersonalfinance.com/idaho-state-standards.php>, or call 1-800-830-1416.

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**About Realityworks, Inc.**

Realityworks, Inc., the leader in education simulation technology, was founded in 1994. Its award-winning products provide students with realistic learning experiences, and are used by educators in Career and Technical Education, Family and Consumer Science and Health courses, as well as in other instructional settings worldwide. For more information, visit [www.realityworks.com](http://www.realityworks.com), or call toll free at 1-800-830-1416.

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