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Gaggle Again Increases School Options for Simple and Secure Account Management
Gaggle now supports Active Directory Federation Services Authentication

BLOOMINGTON, IL (March 21, 2011) - Gaggle, the leading provider of safe online learning tools, announced today that they now support Active Directory Federation Services (ADFS). ADFS allows a customer to use their own internal credentials to log in to their Gaggle accounts without the need to give Gaggle any direct access to their network. When an ADFS user attempts to log in to their Gaggle account, they are redirected to a web page that is hosted internally at their school. The user logs in to that page using the same user name and password that they normally use to access their other school-provided network resources. Once the user logs in successfully, that page redirects the user to the main Gaggle interface.

"With the release of our ADFS authentication we continue our approach of integrating Gaggle with all the major systems that schools want to use." Jeff Patterson, CEO of Gaggle went on to say "launching ADFS authentication allows schools to use Gaggle from their network while keeping sensitive user name and password information inside their local network."

"Using ADFS makes sense for us as it allows for the management of login credentials and account access permissions for both Gaggle and local network resources in a single interface," said Jim Culbert, Information Security Manager of Duval County Public Schools. "Also, since no user names or passwords are ever sent to Gaggle, it gives the added security of keeping all login processing local."

About Gaggle

Gaggle is dedicated to providing safe online communication tools for schools, and has been a leading provider to school districts throughout the United States since 1998. Gaggle currently hosts over 4 million users in the US and 23 countries. The company is an expert in secure communications for schools and has developed proprietary technology and monitoring systems. Based in Bloomington, IL, Gaggle's collaboration tools are the winner of numerous education industry awards, including a finalist nomination for the prestigious CODiE awards in 2010 and recipient of a 2010 Technology & Learning Award of Excellence. For information, visit Gaggle at www.gaggle.net or call 800-288-7750.

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