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The Partnership for 21st Century Skills Releases Second in Series of Teaching Tools

*Newest ICT Literacy Map Provides Framework for Integrating 21st Century Skills into
K-12 Mathematics Education*

WASHINGTON – October 25, 2004 – The Partnership for 21st Century Skills today announced the release of the mathematics Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Literacy Map, which provides educators with a blueprint for integrating 21st century skills into the core academic subject of mathematics. The Partnership – a coalition of Apple, Cable in the Classroom, Cisco Systems, Inc., Dell Inc., Microsoft Corporation, National Education Association, SAP, Texas Instruments and Time Warner Foundation – is committed to helping educators prepare students for success in the 21st century.

Designed in cooperation with the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, the ICT Literacy Map for mathematics demonstrates how teachers can develop effective math lessons for students that combine learning skills, critical for success in the increasingly competitive global economy, with 21st century tools, such as graphing calculators and data analysis software. The maps cover a wide range of sample student outcomes, including specific examples for grades four, eight and 12.

“We are pleased to have cooperated with the Partnership for 21st Century Skills to develop a tool that will be valuable not only to teachers of mathematics, but to all K-12 educators,” said Jim Rubillo, executive director of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. “The math ICT Literacy Map demonstrates how educators can combine learning skills with 21st century tools to help students understand and master situations that require higher order thinking. As a result, we believe students will gain a more thorough educational experience – one that reflects a 21st century approach to education.”

“The ICT Literacy Maps are particularly valuable in helping educators improve student learning by making core academic subjects more relevant to the demands of the 21st century,” said Douglas Levin, board member for the Partnership and director of Education Policy for Cable in the Classroom. “Working together with content group organizations, we have produced useful tools that will assist practitioners in better understanding how the integration of ICT Literacy and core academic subjects can enhance and improve a child’s education.”

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The math ICT Literacy Map is the second in a series of ICT Literacy Maps. The geography map, released in June, is already being used by teachers to integrate 21st century skills into geography curricula. The Partnership plans to release two more ICT Literacy maps for English and science later this year. The ICT Literacy Maps are freely available on the Partnership's Web site at www.21stcenturyskills.org.

About the Partnership for 21st Century Skills

The Partnership for 21st Century Skills is a unique alliance of education, business and government leaders working to fully address the education needs and challenges of work and life in the 21st century. The Partnership currently has nine member organizations: Apple, Cable in the Classroom, Cisco Systems, Inc., Dell Inc., Microsoft Corporation, National Education Association, SAP, Texas Instruments and Time Warner Foundation.

Based in Washington, DC and Tucson, Arizona, the Partnership for 21st Century Skills is administered by Infotech Strategies. The Partnership for 21st Century Skills is a tax-exempt 501 (c) 3 organization. More information can be found at www.21stcenturyskills.org.

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