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Pennsylvania IU 13 Offers VizZle – Visual Learning Software at Reduced Price to PA School Districts

SHAKER HEIGHTS, OHIO – Pennsylvania schools will now be able to better serve their special needs students despite shrinking budgets. Monarch Teaching Technologies is excited to announce that its VizZle® software has been approved by the Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit (IU) 13 to participate in the state software sales contract. This partnership will especially benefit students with autism who do not yet have access to effective visual learning software.

“It is vital that students with autism have access to the most effective tools early so that they can reach their full learning potential,” said Terry Murphy, president of Monarch Teaching Technologies. “Schools in Pennsylvania will now be able to purchase VizZle at a discounted rate, allowing districts to help their special needs students succeed despite shrinking budgets.”

IU 13 offers reduced pricing for VizZle and other educational software from companies including Adobe, AutoCad, Microsoft, Educational Resources and Learning.com. The education service agency also provides workforce training, helps schools track student progress and supports the efforts of the Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network (PaTTAN).

For more information on the IU 13 Statewide Software contract, visit www.iu13.org/CommunityRegionandState/StatewideSoftware/Pages/vizzle.

Developed by educators at the Monarch Center for Autism, in collaboration with a team of researchers from Children’s Hospital Boston/Harvard Medical School, VizZle capitalizes on the stronger visual processing skills of children with autism and their inherent interest in multimedia. VizZle, short for “visual learning,” offers both the tools to create lessons and a shared library of thousands of visual lessons made by other users to teach both academics and activities of daily living. Currently in use at school districts in over 30 states, educators add to the library of lessons daily and share materials with peers and parents across the country.

For more information on VizZle, VTips or Monarch Teaching Technologies, visit www.monarchtt.com.

About Monarch Teaching Technologies

Based in Shaker Heights, Ohio, Monarch Teaching Technologies, Inc. (monarchtt.com) is committed to providing technology-enhanced solutions for more effective yet cost-efficient instruction for children with special learning needs. After a four-year R&D collaboration with researchers funded in part by NIH grants, the company introduced VizZle for the general market in 2009.

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