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Doug Falk, CIO, National Student Clearinghouse, Named Chairman of the Board, P20W Education Standards Council

Herndon, Virginia, September 18, 2014 – Doug Falk, CIO of the National Student Clearinghouse®, was recently named Chairman of the Board for [P20W Education Standards Council](#) (PESC). Established in 1997 and located in Washington, D.C., PESC is a nonprofit enabling cost-effective connectivity between education data systems.

The Clearinghouse provides educational reporting, verification and research services to more than 3,600 colleges and universities and more than 7,000 high schools. It is the leading provider of higher education verifications and electronic student record exchanges, performing over one billion electronic data transactions each year.

Mr. Falk has been on the PESC Board since 2008, serving as both Treasurer and Vice Chair. He was elected to Chairman of the Board, effective July 1, for a one-year term. The most recent past chairman was Francisco Valines, Director of Financial Aid, Florida International University.

“With his extensive career in IT and role as CIO and VP at the National Student Clearinghouse, Doug Falk brings valuable knowledge and experience about the education community, systems integration, data exchange, and mobility to PESC and to the board, “ stated Michael Sessa, President and CEO, PESC. “As one of the most senior board members and now as Chair, Doug will help lead the organization from being a small, nonprofit to a dominating force for data standards and interoperability worldwide. We are thrilled to have the National Student Clearinghouse as one of our leading members and stakeholders, and very pleased to have Doug leading our team.”

About the National Student Clearinghouse®

The National Student Clearinghouse (a nonprofit formed in 1993) is the trusted source for and leading provider of higher education verifications and electronic education record exchanges, handling more than 700 million verification requests and 250 million education record exchanges annually. The Clearinghouse serves as a single point of contact for the collection and timely exchange of accurate and comprehensive enrollment, degree, and certificate records on behalf of its more than 3,600 participating higher education institutions, which represent 98 percent of all students in public and private U.S. institutions. The Clearinghouse also provides thousands of high schools and districts with continuing collegiate enrollment, progression, and completion statistics on their alumni.

Through its verification, electronic exchange, and reporting services, the Clearinghouse saves the education community cumulatively more than 500 million dollars annually. Most Clearinghouse services are provided to colleges and universities at little or no charge, including enhanced transcript and research services, enabling institutions to redistribute limited staff and budget resources to more important student service efforts. Clearinghouse services are designed to facilitate an institution’s compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, The Higher Education Act, and other applicable laws.

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In addition, the Clearinghouse provides accurate, timely enrollment and degree verifications to student loan providers, employers, student credit issuers, the U.S. Department of Education, and others who access its registry more than half a billion times annually.

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