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Legal Settlement Funds Available for Educational Technology

Discovery Education streaming, Discovery Education Media Server available for purchase with vouchers in several states

Silver Spring, Md. (Feb. 21, 2008) –As a result of the settlement of a class action lawsuit, educators in several states now have access to critical funding from the Microsoft Corporation for educational technology. Among the products available for purchase with these vouchers are Discovery Education’s flagship product, Discovery Education *streaming* and the Discovery Media Server. To date, 18 states and the District of Columbia have reached proposed settlements totaling over 2.5 billion dollars. In nearly every state, 50 percent of the unclaimed funds have been earmarked for school districts.

Although each state is handling the distribution of these funds differently, the majority of state agencies are providing districts with both a general purpose and software voucher to use towards approved purchases. While the definitions of vouchers may vary from state to state, in general they are as follows:

General Purpose Vouchers may be used for qualifying hardware purchases. This includes personal computers, laptop computers, Tablet PCs and Apple Macintosh computers. If the total amount of your voucher(s) is less than \$950, you may also redeem your voucher(s) for the purchase of printers, monitors, scanners, keyboards, mice and other pointing devices. If the total amount of your voucher(s) is \$950 or more, you may redeem your voucher(s) for the purchase of printers, monitors, scanners, keyboards, mice and other pointing devices only in connection with the purchase of a computer.

Software Vouchers may be used to purchase qualifying software, which includes any software title that is available for sale to the general public in standard form and is capable of running on any qualifying hardware.

“As schools face growing budget challenges, finding alternative funding for educational technology purchases becomes vital,” said Scott Kinney, Discovery Education Vice President of Outreach and Professional Development and former Pennsylvania school administrator. “Through this program, administrators can access funds to purchase products like Discovery Education *streaming*, which has been scientifically proven to improve student achievement.”

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For more information on how each state is handling the distribution of these settlement funds, call the below phone numbers:

Arizona 888-230-0363	Massachusetts 888-230-0363	North Dakota 888-230-0363
Arkansas 800-572-0455	Minnesota 800-928-1638	South Dakota 888-230-0363
California 800-419-5286	Nebraska 888-230-0363	Tennessee 877-208-9780
District of Columbia 888-230-0363	New Mexico 888-230-0363	Vermont 800-768-5812
Florida 888-748-8055	New York Not Yet Available	West Virginia 888-230-0363
Kansas 888-230-0363	North Carolina 888-230-0363	Wisconsin 866-494-8399

For more information on Discovery Education *streaming* or Discovery Education Media Server solutions or any other services from Discovery Education, please visit www.discoveryeducation.com or call 800-323-9084.

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