



## **Financial Literacy Resources For Revised New Jersey Graduation Requirements To Be Featured at NJEA Conference**

*TimeMAPS software program, meeting New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards, to be introduced to 25,000 educators*

EAU CLAIRE, Wis. (Nov. 4, 2009) – Addressing financial literacy education has become a top priority for New Jersey school districts. To better prepare students for the economic realities of adulthood, the New Jersey State Board of Education adopted revisions to its state graduation requirements and Core Curriculum Content Standards (CCCS) earlier this year. Beginning the 2010-2011 school year, incoming freshmen will be required to take a one-semester course focusing on financial, economic, business and entrepreneurial literacy to help them meet new demands and expectations from employers and higher education institutions.

To help New Jersey educators meet these new standards, Realityworks, Inc., developer of life-changing, interactive educational products, announces the availability of [\*TimeMAPS™ Money Management and Life Skills Program\*](#), personal finance software that aligns with the state's updated graduation requirements. The *TimeMAPS* program will be introduced to educators at the New Jersey Education Association (NJEA) Convention Nov. 5-6, 2009, at the Atlantic City Convention Center.

A nationwide survey conducted in 2008 by the Federal Reserve found that on average, high school seniors provided correct answers to only 48 percent of personal finance and economic questions – the lowest scores of six surveys reported over the past 10 years. To reverse this trend, *TimeMAPS* offers school districts a cost-effective, easy-to-use solution that provides educators with a complete financial literacy curriculum.

Using the *TimeMAPS* software, educators have access to 13 themes with 54 lessons and more than 140 interactive examples of personal finance concepts. The program uses the most recent U.S. financial data provided by the federal government and is updated annually for all U.S. regions. It also includes a curriculum CD and online assessment tool that minimize paperwork for educators, allowing more time for instruction.

In addition to the *TimeMAPS* package, a student resource CD is available to extend learning beyond the classroom. The CD contains worksheets, reviews, quizzes and projects that students can use to reinforce financial literacy lessons being taught from the curriculum.

New Jersey educators can learn more about the *TimeMAPS* software by visiting the Realityworks booth (#2516) at the NJEA Convention. For more information on the NJEA Convention, visit [www.njea.org](http://www.njea.org). For more information on *TimeMAPS*, visit [www.teachingpersonalfinance.com](http://www.teachingpersonalfinance.com).

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**About Realityworks, Inc.**

Realityworks, Inc., developer of life-changing, interactive educational products, was founded in 1994. Its award-winning products provide students with realistic learning experiences, and are used by educators in Career and Technical Education, Family and Consumer Science and Health courses, as well as in other instructional settings worldwide. For more information, visit [www.realityworks.com](http://www.realityworks.com), or call toll free at 1-800-830-1416.

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