

## **Press Release**

### **Getting interactive at The Education Show 2003**

Art Systems and GTCO CalComp will be showcasing the new InterWrite School Suite at The Education Show 2003.

Designed with the needs of the modern classroom in mind, the interactive whiteboard and SchoolPads have the option of fully wireless, Bluetooth connectivity, with no cables running to the computer.

Allowing real flexibility, the teacher can either lead the lesson from the front of the class using the SchoolBoard or travel around the room, running the lesson with a SchoolPad.

Designed to engage students and encourage interaction, the School Suite includes easy-to-use software meaning the teacher can concentrate on the content of the lesson without worrying about how to use this new technology. The SchoolBoard (available in 60" and 77" sizes) can be controlled using the pens provided, both as a mouse and an annotation tool like an ordinary marker pen.

Notes, highlights, and annotations can be made on anything projected on the SchoolBoard surface, including for example web pages. The images including the notes can then be printed out or emailed to absent students.

"The InterWrite School Suite was designed to help teachers turn their lessons into interactive experiences for the students," says Eric Timmons, President of GTCO CalComp. "Whether using the SchoolBoard to teach in front of the class or using the wireless SchoolPad to teach anywhere in the classroom, InterWrite School Suite allows teachers to engage and inspire their students.

"Using Bluetooth to connect the SchoolBoard is a great option for schools that need to share an electronic whiteboard between multiple classrooms. "Instead of taking the time to disconnect cables from one computer and reconnect them to the computer in the next classroom, the board can be rolled into the classroom where it automatically connects with the computer without any interaction from the teacher, using its Bluetooth interconnectivity. In addition, the wireless option is perfect for schools where running cables from the board to the computer is often an issue."

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Utilising Bluetooth technology, the SchoolPad allows teachers to control a computer with a connected projector from up to 25 feet away. In addition, with the ability to connect multiple SchoolPads to the same computer, groups of students can collaborate on the same assignment.

The SchoolPad can also be used independently of the SchoolBoard, meaning any surface, such as a projection screen, can be used as an interactive whiteboard.

David Thomas, Managing Director of Art Systems, the specialist distributor for InterWrite suites said: "We believe the InterWrite School Suite is the perfect interactive teaching solution for schools and colleges."



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