

TRIUMPH LEARNING **PRESS RELEASE**

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TRIUMPH LEARNING UPDATES FLAGSHIP *COACH*[™] SERIES TO SUPPORT NEW STATE TESTS

New *COACH*[™] Titles Align with the Latest State and National Standards and Support No Child Left Behind Goals

New York, NY, January 26, 2006 – Triumph Learning, a leading publisher of supplementary educational texts and software and a Houghton Mifflin Company company, has completed the introduction of its new and updated *Coach*[™] supplementary texts covering Grades K-12.

Entire *Coach*[™] Line Updated

“The Triumph editorial, sales, and distribution teams put forth an outstanding effort last year. We knew changes to state tests and standards would require replacement or at least updating of over three-quarters of our entire publishing list,” said Bill Scroggie, Triumph Learning’s Executive Vice President and Publisher. “Thanks to this year-long team effort, Triumph’s *Coach*[™] texts are now in alignment for states that have recently revised their annual mandated learning goals and tests. We have also aligned our offerings with national standards, including the goals of No Child Left Behind. (NCLB).”

Triumph said its latest offerings include new books and CDs for schools in Texas, New York, and Illinois, covering Reading, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Spanish. Triumph also introduced updated and customized *Coach*[™] books and CDs into Virginia, Georgia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Connecticut, and other states. Today, Triumph books and software are sold in 25 states.

A Tradition of Innovation and Validation

Triumph Learning, formerly Educational Design Incorporated, has been publishing *Coach*[™] test preparation books for more than 20 years, beginning with books designed to help students on the annual TEAMS test originally given in Texas.

As more states have developed annual assessments based on their state curriculum guidelines, Triumph Learning has published customized test preparation programs for these tests as well. With implementation of NCLB legislation, all states have now developed their own tests in reading and math and are phasing in testing in science and

other subjects. *Coach*[™] books are carefully structured to match the standards and skills in each state's curriculum.

About Triumph Learning, LLC:

Triumph Learning, formerly known as Educational Design, Inc., has a 43-year track record of publishing high-quality K-12 supplemental materials. Triumph Learning is the largest publisher of test preparation materials for state tests, and develops and distributes the renowned *Coach*[™] series for test programs in 25 states as well as for the three major nationally normed tests. For more information, visit www.triumphlearning.com.

About Hights Cross Communications:

Founded in 1997 and based in White Plains, NY, Hights Cross is a leading developer and publisher of products for the kindergarten through twelfth grade, or K-12, supplemental education, library, and medical education markets. Hights Cross imprints include: Sundance/Newbridge Educational Publishing (Northborough, MA), Triumph Learning (New York, NY), Buckle Down Publishing (Iowa City, IA), Options Publishing (Merrimack, NH), Recorded Books (Prince Frederick, MD), and Oakstone Publishing (Birmingham, AL). For more information visit www.hightscross.com

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