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SUBJECT: Software and Web Service Licences for Publicly Funded
Ontario Educational Institutions 2010 – 2011

The Ontario Software Acquisition Program Advisory Committee (OSAPAC) has completed another year of acquiring software and web services to support the ministry's continued focus on key student achievement goals. I am pleased to be able to share this list of excellent resources with you and hope you will make the information available to teachers and students in your board.

We now have 13 Web services centrally licensed and available to teachers and students 24/7. The attached document provides the most pertinent information regarding these services. More detailed descriptions of all licensed products can be found on <www.osapac.org> under the Software/Resources Search link.

While our recent licences are detailed on the following pages, I would like to draw your attention to the following highlights.

- A new feature on the OSAPAC website is the identification of software titles with assistive features for students with special education needs.
- To address concerns over Internet safety we have licensed Passport to the Internet, an online simulation on the proper use of social media sites and issues around digital citizenship for students in Grades 4 – 8.

- Our first central licences for streamed video - both Learn360 and National Film Board and audio - NAXOS Music library an excellent resource to the Arts curriculum through streamed music and on-line explorations of composers, musical styles and instrumentation.

In preparation for 2010 – 2011, OSAPAC has completed the software priority setting and has posted the list on <www.osapac.org>.

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Licences Acquired in 2009 – 2010

1. **Frames 4.** Frames is award winning educational software for stop-motion animation, claymation, and digital storytelling. Students can use Frames to create movies, animated GIFs, and Flash animations to share with the world.
2. **Bitstrips for Schools renewal for 2010-2011.** Bitstrips for Schools is an educational and safe web service that empowers students to make and share great comics and graphic novels without drawing a line, and lets teachers unlock the educational power of digital storytelling.
3. **Passport to the Internet.** Passport to the Internet helps young people develop the critical thinking skills they need to apply to their online experiences by enabling them to use popular online tools and Web sites in a secure and ethical manner, and to their full potential. Using simulations of the most popular Internet environments, this interactive resource teaches students about online safety, authenticating online information, recognizing online marketing ploys, protecting their privacy, managing online relationships and dealing with cyberbullying.
4. **National Film Board.** Over 1500 full-length films, trailers and clips online, free for personal use and on a subscription basis for schools and institutions. OSAPAC has paid for the subscription for all publicly funded educational institutions in Ontario. This subscription grants performance rights for use in classrooms, libraries and auditoriums.
5. **Learn360 Streamed video.** Students and teachers have full access starting on September 1, 2010. Boards may contact Learn360 to begin testing and loading teachers and students and to deal with local issues and needs. The Learn360 service offers materials selected to provide targeted curriculum support from a variety of educational video producers such as TVO, Nelvana, PBS, National Geographic, Standard Deviants, Slim Goodbody, Sunburst Media, and others. The service includes thousands of educational videos, video clips, newsreels, audio and video files, and still images. All of the full-length videos and video clips are aligned to Provincial standards.
6. **Naxos Music Library.** Students and teachers have full access starting on September 1, 2010. The Naxos Music Library (NML) is an online streaming music resource for use in the classroom, library, and home. The NML includes over 550,000 tracks of music, customizable play lists, and analyses of major works. Genres include Orchestral, Choral, Band, World, and Jazz music and others. In addition, the NML also offers many instructional features such as text resources, study guides, and static URL's which can be directly linked to by teachers, music directors, and librarians. The NML includes access to the full and partial catalogues of over 186 labels. Roughly 5 new labels are added per month.

Currently, the NML features 553,343 tracks of music and 38,701 CDs available for online streaming.

7. **Turnitin.** Students and teachers have full access starting on September 1, 2010. We have licensed 200 student accounts per high school for three years with the option to extend for an additional two years. For licensed students, Turnitin Writecycle provides unlimited student and instructor usage of digital and paper submission for Plagiarism Detection (originality reports), PeerMark (student review tool) and Grading services.
8. **Antidote HD.** Antidote is a grammar and editing tool for French language and FSL students. It will interact with existing word processors, such as Microsoft Word, Wordperfect, StarOffice, etc, as well as e-mail clients such as Outlook, Hotmail, Gmail, etc. It can be turned on or off when needed.
9. **Four GoVenture Simulations: Accounting, Entrepreneur, Financial Literacy and Personal Finance.** Unlike any book, course or seminar, GoVenture simulations enable students to gain years of experience in minutes by creating their own or manipulating the program's data variables in realistic simulations. Every new simulation can be different.
10. **Upgrade to Adobe Photoshop Elements 8.** New features in Version 8: Photomerge Exposure will combine one photo with flash on and one with flash off into a single, perfectly lit photo. Quickly resize even going from landscape to portrait or vice versa without distorting key subjects like people or buildings. Experiment with new artwork and templates to give printed creations fun and stylish new looks.
11. **Update to Adobe Connect 7.5.** Adobe® Acrobat® Connect™ is web conferencing software that enables teachers, administrators and students to instantly communicate and collaborate through easy-to-use, easy-to-access online personal meeting rooms. It allows users to instantly communicate and collaborate through always-on, online personal meeting rooms. It improves the experience of online meetings through essential collaboration tools, including one-button screen sharing, chat, polling, video, teleconferencing, and whiteboarding. Version 7.5 allows sharing PDF files in the Sharepod and integrates telephone bridge connections with VoIP allowing the recording of meetings where both VoIP and phone bridges are used.
12. **NetSupport School 10.5 Upgrade.** New Features: Audio Monitoring. Monitor the entire class in a single view and with the use of the displayed visual indicators see instantly which PCs have live audio activity. Capture Application Audio. The Tutor can now listen in to and record Student audio output. Manage Student Resources. Students can now easily access resources required during a lesson. The Tutor can create a resource list and add links to websites, applications and documents, this list is then displayed in the Student Toolbar providing Students with a quick and easy way to access the required resources.