



# NAD TDEC Newsletter

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## Adventist Education is About Restoring a Relationship



One of my responsibilities is to coordinate the educational technology for the schools. I thought I would give

you a short update on Hunter Systems (our preferred school information systems company).

As many of you know, Hunter Systems was acquired in a co-beneficial merger with a company called STI Inc. STI is a leading provider of web-based school information systems for public schools in the country, with a product called iNOW. Hunter was working toward a web-based solution. By merging the two companies, STI was able to begin marketing in the private school market and Hunter could revise an already proven, reliable web-based system into a private school product.

This synergistic relationship has provided Adventist education with a great web-based solution. We are working very closely with Robbie Hillis and the new team to provide the best solution we can.

We are developing management teams that will work with Hunter on both STI's iNOW product for large schools and SmallSchoolMinder for small schools. Please join the elists if you would like to be part of either of these groups. These teams will collect upgrade requests and then working with the company, prioritize the list for development.

There is a full explanation of all of the products and the services we recommend for schools at the TDEC site.

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**Grow My School - [http://www.nadeducation.org/grow\\_my\\_school/](http://www.nadeducation.org/grow_my_school/)**

*"Marketing" is not just advertising. "Marketing" is choosing who we want to be and then becoming that so authentically that engaged consumers will be our most effective advocates.*

# News You Can Use



## Webinars ...

**February 18**  
CIRCLE/Teacher Bulletin

**March 4**  
Pathways: A Q&A session & introduction to Vocabulary Companion. The webinar will run up to 2 hours.  
**Email questions in advance to** [martha.ban@nad.adventist.org](mailto:martha.ban@nad.adventist.org).

**March 18**  
Hunter/STI/SSM  
Presenter: Larry Blackmer

**April 15**  
Google Tools  
Presenter: Cindy Lane  
(Certified Google Teacher)

**May 20**  
Vocabulary Companion - See how this interacts with Pathways  
Presenter: Archie Uretsky

**September 16**  
Digital Portfolios

**October 21**  
Web 2.0

**NOTE:**  
If you have a suggestion for a webinar, please share!  
**Contact:**  
[martha.ban@nad.adventist.org](mailto:martha.ban@nad.adventist.org)

### *National SDA Teachers' Convention 2012*

NAD Office of Education is working to bring inspiring speakers and cutting-edge technology and ideas to the 2012 convention.

Things in the works: iPhone application including interactive search for the exhibit hall, maps of the hotel, and schedule of program and workshops. Opportunity to purchase "convention-used" LCD projectors at rock-bottom prices. Stay tuned for more information as the date draws closer.

### *Adventist School Management - ASM*

<http://marcie.ucollege.edu/asm/> - Adventist School Management (ASM) FINANCIAL software commissioned by the NAD Office of Education for small Adventist schools and designed/updated/maintained by Union College. Vista updates are provided on CD only. NAD will pay for the cost of providing the CD. Recommended for *small* schools. Ten grade schools and academies should use AASI accounting software

### *Adventist Accounting Software International (AASI) \*Brazilian\**

The AASI package has been designed for academies or large elementary schools. The software is free. Support comes from the top down - beginning with the Unions. Order of adoption: Union, Conference, School. A school **may** adopt the software without a conference being a user as long as the Union will agree to be the support base.

### *Adventist Virtual Learning Network - AVLN*

AVLN is proposing to offer classes to meet some of the requirements for the Educational Technology and Educational Specialist. Check <http://www.avln.org/> for courses available and [http://www.nadeducation.org/client\\_data/files/171\\_certificationmanualupdated308.pdf](http://www.nadeducation.org/client_data/files/171_certificationmanualupdated308.pdf) pages 25-28 for certification information.

### *Keyboarding Standards/Computer Application Resources*

"Generic" curriculum resources will soon be available for word processing, keyboarding, and computer applications. Watch the TDEC site for more information.

### *VISIONS - Technology in Education (<http://www.teamvistech.com/>)*

Visions is a "preferred provider" from TDEC. Visit the site to see the large variety of excellent curriculum/technology materials. SDA teachers receive a 30% discount off published prices. (SDA021JC)

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## *STI/SSM Advisory Groups*

NAD Office of Education is committed to bring the best tools and systems to the SDA educators. Part of this is facilitated by constant communication from "the field." Two advisory groups have been formed - specifically for STI iNow and Small School Minder - as part of this process. Larry Blackmer will be presenting the March webinar - featuring the STI/Hunter/SSM products. Questions/comments may be emailed in advance to [martha.ban@nad.adventist.org](mailto:martha.ban@nad.adventist.org).

## *By Design: A Journey to Excellence Through Science*

By Design: A Journey to Excellence through Science - an inquiry-based science program for grades 1-8 is targeted for completion by August, 2011. The web-based and technology resources will be out no later than March, 2012. Major training is anticipated to be given at the NAD convention in 2012. The curriculum will be webenabled with ebooks available both on DVD and the web. Target costs are \$25/textbook, \$12/ student activity, \$50/TE. **Join the NAD eList to voice your comments and concerns.**

## *Electronic Union Registrar Software*

This standardized software is being written/managed by eAdventist and hosted on NAD servers. The development for the software is on the "fast-track" with a completion target date of January, 2011. This is available at NO COST to Unions. Financing and support provided by the NAD.

Teachers will be able to log on and check their own certification record. Certifications can be checked for all teachers on one campus in the case of school evaluations. Reports of all kinds will be able to be generated.

## *NAD TDEC Website*

The NAD TDEC is migrating! TDEC is in the process of migrating the official TDEC website to the NAD Education website. You will continue to find news and information relating to technology and curriculum. While some of the pages will be non-password protected, we owe it to our preferred vendors to place their confidential discount information behind the Teacher's Toolbox login. Visit the website often to find resources, information, discounts, and more - relating to technology.

## *NAD Education Website Highlights ([www.nadeducation.org](http://www.nadeducation.org))*

Be sure you know about:

Grow My School - Marketing for Adventist Schools

[http://www.nadeducation.org/grow\\_my\\_school](http://www.nadeducation.org/grow_my_school)

Code of Honor - Resources for making courtesy and customer service a school-event

<http://www.nadeducation.org/honor>

eList subscription descriptions - [http://www.nadeducation.org/educator\\_toolbox/elists](http://www.nadeducation.org/educator_toolbox/elists)

Spiritual Resources - <http://www.sdaedspiritualresources.org/>

REACH - Reaching to Educate all children for Heaven -

<http://www.nadeducation.org/reach>



The study, "Generation M<sup>2</sup>: Media in the Lives of eight-to 18-Year-Olds," found that children devote an average of 7 hours and 38 minutes to using entertainment media during a typical day. However, because they spend so much of that time "media multitasking," they manage to fit a total of 10 hours and 45 minutes worth of media content into that 7 and a half hours.

... The relationship to that and the classroom seems to place a greater burden on teachers to compete for students' attention and keep the student engaged. While interactive teaching technologies are not the whole answer, they are an instrument by which teachers can break through the clutter. When teachers are given the opportunity to use interactive technologies, they are in a better position to compete with the commercial media for the minds of the student." - eSchool News, Jan 22, 2010