

SMART products help students concentrate at juvenile detention center

Teachers can manage multimedia content while supervising class

CALGARY, Alberta --- June 6, 2005 --- SMART Technologies Inc. announces the installation of *Rear Projection* SMART Board™ 2000i interactive whiteboards and Sympodium™ ID250 interactive pen displays at the Roanoke Valley Juvenile Detention Centre (RVJDC) in Virginia. After seeing SMART products in a pilot program at a similar facility, officials at Roanoke decided to equip their classrooms with 2000i's and their computer lab and staff training room with ID250's. The average stay for students in the 81-bed facility is 17 days, as many of them are awaiting court appearances. Although RVJDC is a secure detention facility, the education component is an essential part of the program as many of the residents will be re-introduced to the public school system once released. The 2000i was chosen as a secure, all-in-one solution for students, faculty and support staff.

Teachers use the SMART products as a means to deliver digital content to students, aged 9–17, who often have different learning styles and abilities. Teachers can now quickly access a variety of learning content as well as browse the Internet in a controlled environment. They can also access unitedstreaming™ video and the state Standards of Learning content to provide the same curriculum that students would find in the public system. Teachers present graphics, text and streaming video, then write notes in digital ink or ask students to come up and solve problems in front of the class. All the while, attention is focused on the subject matter.

“I can't think of anything more sophisticated for the classroom, yet the children know how to use it right away,” says Christine Woods, language arts teacher, RVJDC. “When reading a novel on the SMART Board interactive whiteboard, I can get the same attention that I get from watching a video. They don't even realize they're learning half the time.”

“The SMART products have changed a great deal of what we do here and how we work with the kids,” says Mason King, principal, RVJDC. “Our students appear more calm and interested in the lesson, because so much information can be delivered in a more exciting way.”

“Educators at youth detention facilities face unique challenges when

dealing with a wide range of learning abilities, ages and an ever-revolving student population,” says Nancy Knowlton, SMART’s president and co-CEO. “Having access to digitized material at the front of the classroom via the SMART Board interactive whiteboard has helped teachers at RVJDC increase student attention levels, improve classroom management and truly engage students in learning.”

About *Rear Projection* SMART Board 2000i interactive whiteboards

The *Rear Projection* SMART Board 2000i interactive whiteboard is part of the family of award-winning SMART Board interactive whiteboards. Designed with educators in mind, the 2000i offers an integrated projector, the shadow-free benefits of a rear-projection display and a slim, tapered cabinet. It rests on locking casters and can be moved to different classrooms quickly and easily. Simply by touching the 66" (165-cm) display, teachers and students can access and control any computer application or multimedia platform, including the Internet, CD-ROMs and DVDs. With SMART Board software, they can write over applications in digital ink and then edit, save, print or post their notes to a website for future reference.

SMART Board interactive whiteboards are used in classrooms around the world to engage students with diverse learning styles by providing both immediate access to a wide range of digital materials and a common focus for the entire class – not something easily achieved with other technologies. It is the number one choice among primary and secondary school educators in more than 75 countries worldwide because the simplicity of its design and pioneering software interface captures the imagination of students of all backgrounds and abilities in order to help them learn together, understand better and achieve more. For more information, visit www.smarttech.com/2000i.

About Symposium ID250 interactive pen displays The Symposium ID250 interactive pen display is the only display of its kind to connect directly to a projector and simultaneously display its screen on a large presentation screen – so everything the teacher sees and does on the ID250 is immediately viewed on the large screen. It is an ideal way for teachers to interact with digital learning materials in large classrooms, lecture halls, computer labs and auditoriums. With its flexible design and 15" (38.1-cm) display, the ID250 can be placed on top of a podium, desk or table so teachers can face their students while using the battery-free

tethered pen to control computer applications, write over any application in digital ink and save work to a single file. Teachers can also adjust the tilt stand for maximum comfort and rest their hand on the screen, without interference, while using the tethered pen. The ID250's unique pen-tool buttons make it easy to change pen colors or erase notes, and function buttons provide convenient access to features such as the room-control interface, on-screen keyboard, floating tools menu and screen capture tool. Notebook whiteboarding software, included, allows teachers to save digital notes and screen captures of lesson materials.

Governments and educators around the world are committed to integrating technology and digital learning materials into curricula because they understand the positive impact technology can have on learning. The ID250 is an easy-to-use interactive display that integrates classroom technology and allows educators to engage students with the digital materials of their choice. The ID250 features all the interactive capabilities of the SMART Board interactive whiteboard, SMART's flagship education product. For more information, visit www.smarttech.com/id250.

About Roanoke The Roanoke Valley Detention Center is an 81-bed secure detention facility operated under the authority granted by the Roanoke Valley Detention Commission consisting of the member jurisdictions of the cities of Roanoke and Salem, and the counties of Franklin, Botetourt, and Roanoke. Through a cooperative agreement, the member jurisdictions pool financial resources to provide for the delivery of regional juvenile detention services to meet the philosophy and mission of the Commission. For more information, visit www.rvjdc.org.

About SMART SMART Technologies Inc. is both the industry pioneer and global market leader in easy-to-use interactive whiteboards and other group collaboration tools. The award-winning SMART Board interactive whiteboard is the most widely installed product of its kind in the world. Many school jurisdictions have standardized on the product, which is used to provide interactive learning opportunities and enhance student achievement in more than 150,000 classrooms spanning every U.S. state and more than 75 countries. SMART products also include interactive pen displays, interactive digital signage, wireless slates, multimedia cabinets and software. Using SMART products, groups can access and share the information they need to meet, teach, train and present. SMART's education customers include New York City Board of Education (U.S.), Oxford University (UK), Tokyo Nampei Senior High School (Japan), Barnier Public School (Australia), University of Ottawa (Canada), United World

College (Singapore), Stephen-Hawking-Schule Neckargemuend (Germany), Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind (U.S.) and Harvard University (U.S.).

SMART is a private company founded in 1987. Employing more than 600 people, SMART is headquartered in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, with assembly facilities in Ottawa and Calgary, and offices in Bonn, Tokyo, New York City and Washington, D.C. SMART has been issued and maintains a broad portfolio of patents with numerous other U.S., Canadian and foreign patents pending. In 1992 SMART formed a strategic alliance with Intel® Corporation that resulted in joint product development and marketing efforts, and Intel's equity ownership in SMART. SMART products are sold through dealers across North America and distributors worldwide. For more information, visit www.smarttech.com.