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## **ScholarCentric Announces Release of Assessment Validation Study**

### **Study establishes normative group for resiliency-based skills curriculum**

**Denver, CO – March 03, 2009** – ScholarCentric, a leading provider of K-12 educational materials specializing in increasing student achievement and retention, is pleased to announce the release of a technical validation study for the assessment that accompanies their *Success Highways* program. For the study, ScholarCentric tested 4,922 students nationwide to establish a normative group on resiliency traits which allows ScholarCentric to provide educational institutions with key understandings of the social emotional needs of their students.

“The completion of this technical validation study demonstrates our continued commitment to research,” said Steve Weigler, president of ScholarCentric. By re-validating our assessment with such a large sample, we can provide an accurate, disaggregated assessment of the barriers that each student faces.

*Success Highways* is a combination of assessment, curriculum and professional development. It is built on 15 years of research that has established a clear link between the strength of student resiliency skills (personal motivation, personal confidence, connections to family, etc.) and a student’s ability to adapt to stressful situations and succeed in and out of the classroom. Research has shown that there are six main areas that are responsible for academic success. The *Success Highways* assessment asks students to rate themselves on each area: Importance of Education, Connections, Well-being, Motivation, Confidence and Stress.

Students will be able to compare themselves to a national normative group and begin to think critically about how they can improve the skills they need to meet their personal and academic goals with greater accuracy,” said Dr. V. Scott Solberg, chief academic officer for ScholarCentric. “We will also be able to more accurately determine the true scope of our impact with students.”

The completion of the technical validation study further strengthens the *Success Highways* program. The program continues to provide schools with an understanding of the socio-emotional attitudes of their students and how students can improve their lives and academic skills.

### **About ScholarCentric**

ScholarCentric™ is a K-12 educational publishing company focused on helping students stay in school and achieve academic success. The company’s flagship product, *Success Highways*, is an innovative, research-based program designed to help transition middle and high school students into the higher grades and develop the skills they need to learn the rigorous coursework required to achieve a high school diploma. With *Success Highways*, students stay in school, score higher on achievement tests, and prepare for future education. This innovative program is aligned with state standards and was developed from the results of 15 years of research at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and a seven-year pilot program in an urban school district. For more information, visit [www.ScholarCentric.com](http://www.ScholarCentric.com)

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