



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Mr. Joe Kitchens Named DQC 2008 District Data Leader of the Year**

**Addison, TX (December 2, 2008)** - Mizuni, Inc. congratulates Mr. Joe Kitchens, Superintendent of Western Heights Public Schools, Oklahoma, for receiving the Data Quality Campaign (DQC) 2008 District Data Leader of the Year Award. Mr. Kitchens was honored by the DQC during the Council of Chief State School Officers' (CCSSO) Annual Policy Forum for his leadership and innovation in championing the need for higher quality education data to improve student achievement. The DQC is a national collaboration to improve the collection, availability and use of high-quality education data.

"On behalf of the entire Western Heights team, we are humbled and honored to receive this prestigious award" states Mr. Kitchens. Western Heights Public Schools utilizes the Mizuni Solution including the Mizuni Data Warehouse, Web Portals and SIF Integration Tools. Mr. Kitchens adds, "Mizuni is the foundation of our district's data management activities. Our success in data quality and information delivery to our teachers, staff and parents is directly related to our implementation of their innovative [Mizuni] solutions. We are extremely fortunate to have a business partner in Mizuni who shares the same passion for improving education as we do."

"Mr. Kitchens is truly a unique leader and visionary. In nearly a decade of involvement in education, I have yet to meet a leader as dedicated to truly improving education for students, parents and the community as Mr. Kitchens," states Mr. Ignacio Ybarra, President of Mizuni. "It is a privilege having Mr. Kitchens and the entire Western Heights team as partners in shaping our solutions to better meet the needs of our district customers."

### **About Mizuni, Inc.**

Mizuni has pioneered an innovative data-driven decision-making solution for K-12 districts. The Mizuni Solution transforms the way districts share, consolidate and analyze data by offering educators real-time access to powerful information to inform instruction and increase student achievement. The Mizuni Solution is comprised of the Mizuni SIF Integration Tools, Mizuni Data Warehouse and Mizuni Web Portals. Today, over half a million students throughout the U.S. benefit from the Mizuni Solution. For more information, please visit [www.mizuni.com](http://www.mizuni.com).

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