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## **Gaggle Launches New Application for the Blackboard Learn Platform** *7 Gaggle Widgets now accessible through Blackboard Learn Platform*

**BLOOMINGTON, IL (March 23, 2011)** - Gaggle, the leading provider of safe online learning tools, announced a new application for the *Blackboard Learn™* platform that allows Blackboard Learn users worldwide to access the Gaggle widget through a single-sign on within Blackboard Learn. With this one-click access, clients of both Gaggle and Blackboard can easily access information in both systems simultaneously. Widgets are small interactive versions of Gaggle's most popular tools including: the Email Inbox, Calendar, Digital Locker, Blog, Message Board, Homework Drop Box, and the Social Wall. Users can manage their email account, download locker files, edit a Zoho® doc and more.

"The launch of our new Building Block for the Blackboard Learn platform continues our approach of integrating Gaggle with all the major enterprise applications that schools regularly use," said Brett Woudenberg, COO of Gaggle. "Blackboard Inc. is a market leading learning management system, but many of our K-12 customers require the added safety of Gaggle's Web 2.0 tools, which allow schools to provide a safe social learning environment for their students."

Blackboard Building Blocks™ allow clients to incorporate specific add-on tools into the Blackboard Learn platform to address unique challenges. "The flexibility of Blackboard Building Blocks provides our clients with a more customized experience. From open source tools to Blackboard Partner supported extensions, clients can truly build the Blackboard system that's right for them," said Matthew Small, Blackboard Chief Business Officer. With hundreds of extensions from Blackboard Partners and client developers available on [www.blackboardextensions.com](http://www.blackboardextensions.com), Blackboard Learn clients can customize unique solutions to enhance their institution's teaching and learning.

### **About Gaggle**

Gaggle is dedicated to providing safe online communication tools for schools, and has been a leading provider to school districts throughout the United States since 1998. Gaggle currently hosts over 4 million users in the US and 23 countries. The company is an expert in secure communications for schools and has developed proprietary technology and monitoring systems. Based in Bloomington, IL, Gaggle's collaboration tools are the winner of numerous education industry awards, including a finalist nomination for the prestigious CODiE awards in 2010 and recipient of a 2010 Technology & Learning Award of Excellence. For information, visit Gaggle at [www.gaggle.net](http://www.gaggle.net) or call 800-288-7750.

### **About Blackboard Inc.**

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