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## Gaggle.Net Honored with a BESSIE Award

BLOOMINGTON, IL – Gaggle.Net, the leading provider of safe student email to school districts across the country, is pleased to accept the 2008 BESSIE Award in the Middle School Category for Best Communication tool. This is the second year running that Gaggle has received a BESSIE Award and the company is proud to extend the tradition.

Gaggle.Net was honored by the by the *ComputED Gazette* as a recipient of a 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Best Educational Software Awards (BESSIES)! The BESSIE Awards target innovative and content-rich programs and websites, which provide teachers with the technology to foster educational excellence--including enhancing the classroom curriculum and improving teacher productivity.

Gaggle.Net was selected as a winner based on its' safe student communication tools designed specifically for schools.

Mike Kessler Gaggle's Vice President was quoted saying "We are thrilled to have won a BESSIE award for a second year in a row. It's exciting that more and more educators are seeing the benefits of integrating 21<sup>st</sup> century technology into their curriculum. We are proud to offer a product that enables educators to enrich the learning experience in a safe an effective manner."

Furthermore, Jeff Patterson Gaggle's President was quoted saying "We are once again honored to receive a BESSIE award. It is through such recognition that we continue to advance and improve student services for our customers."

## About Gaggle.Net

Founded in 1998, Gaggle.Net is in its ninth year of providing safe, teacher-controlled email to K-12 students across the country and around the world. Currently, over 14,000 schools are signed up for Gaggle.Net's safe student email system.

More then just email, Gaggle.Net has expanded to include student-focused blogs, chat rooms, message boards, digital lockers, and profile pages. All of these features are filtered for inappropriate content and images, and offer full monitoring capabilities to teachers. These tools are located on Gaggle.Net's web-based system so learning and communication can be extended outside the classroom walls. Student's can access their Gaggle accounts from any Internet connected computer.

In addition to safe student communications, Gaggle recently released a new email archiving service to help school districts meet the federal requirements for eDiscovery and open records laws. The Gaggle solution works with Microsoft Exchange, Novell Groupwise, Lotus Notes, NetMail, Google Apps and many other email servers. The solution does not require the district to make any hardware or software purchases and can be implemented in one day.

The Gaggle Archiving service offers sophisticated search features, security logging, multiple access levels, private accounts, LDAP authentication and much more. The cost per user includes unlimited mail storage.

For additional information about Gaggle's student communication tools visit our website at <u>http://www.gaggle.net</u>. Information about Gaggle's email archiving solutions can be found at <u>http://www.gagglemail.com</u>.

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