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Statement by Jay Diskey, Executive Director of the Association of American Publishers (AAP) School Division (AAP):

"I applaud Governor Perry's support for advancing the transition to digital instructional materials for Texas students. There is no question that the classroom of the future will have a mix of digital and other learning materials.

"The transition to digital learning in Texas classrooms has the potential to prepare Texas students to excel in the 21st Century. In order to fully realize this potential, careful attention must be paid to ensuring that Texas continues to provide its schoolchildren with integrated, high quality curricula, regardless of its format.

"This transition must take place in an orderly fashion – there are more than five million Texas public school students counting on us to do this properly.

"I also want to underscore the importance of ensuring quality educational content for Texas schoolchildren in the midst of this transition. Whether delivered in electronic or print format, one criterion should remain paramount when providing instructional materials and programs for Texas students: top-notch content, that is aligned to the state standards and prepares students for the assessments approved by the state to test the necessary skills.

"Publishers remain focused on providing the highest quality content and most advanced learning systems for students. We deliver these carefully-developed educational materials in multiple formats, including as interactive learning games, traditional textbooks with an accompanying DVD and electronic learning programs delivered digitally."

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