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**ALDINE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SELECTS SYNCSORT'S  
BACKUP EXPRESS AS BACKUP AND RESTORE SOLUTION**

Woodcliff Lake, NJ – July 22, 2002 – The Aldine Independent School District, located in an urban section of Houston, Texas, has selected Syncsort's Backup Express to protect their student records and school data.

"You name it and we looked at it," said John Crumbley, Director of Technology Support Services at Aldine ISD. "We wanted raw performance. With nightly processes growing, our backup window is shrinking. Like everyone else, we wanted the best bang for our buck. That's why we selected Backup Express," Nathan Boughton, Director of Technical Services, added "Probably one of its biggest selling points was the minimal manpower needed to run Backup Express. Some of the other products would have required an additional employee to run the backup system. With Backup Express, we can do it basically in our spare time."

**The Environment**

Aldine ISD Technology Services group, serving 65 schools and six administrative buildings, relies on a fibre infrastructure, taking advantage of Gigabit Ethernet from the District's Centralized Data Center to the Main Closet in each of the remote locations.

From the Main Closet, the network extends via Fast Ethernet to Intermediate Closets and to the desktop which encompasses 35,000 data drops for 16,000 computers and 180 servers. Aldine has also extended the network to 150 modular buildings using wireless technology. Aldine ISD has taken advantage of the high availability bandwidth by architecting many enterprise level solutions. Today, Aldine ISD completes 75 percent of the data archiving, backup, and data protection from a centralized solution featuring ADIC and Syncsort equipment and software. Large scale Compaq and Sun servers running Solaris 8 are used to house applications delivered throughout the district, while GigE fibre access to the Internet provides a mechanism for transport. The desktops run everything from Windows 95 to Windows XP. A Scalar 1000 with three cabinets and 750 tape slots is used for storage.

### **About Backup Express**

Syncsort's Backup Express is an advanced, enterprise-wide backup and restore solution that supports NAS, NDMP, Storage Area Networks (SANs) and other heterogeneous network configurations. Its distributed architecture allows it to back up to any TCP/IP node in the network whether it is running UNIX, Windows, or NetWare, while maintaining a single central catalog for the entire enterprise. Backup Express can cluster tape drives, including large automated libraries, at any server on the network; dynamically allocate drives within a SAN; provide four different backup options for NDMP-based systems; keep sensitive data off the network; and allow on-line backups of large database servers such as Oracle, SAP, MS Exchange, SQL Server, Sybase, DB2 and Lotus Notes.

### **About Aldine Independent School District**

Aldine Independent School District, one of the largest school districts in Texas with over 55,000 students, aims to be a leader in educational technology. Aldine ISD's vision of education, as an interactive, dynamic, and collaborative process, emphasizes the importance of technology integration to encourage a variety of ideas, promote participation and to open the door to limitless possibilities. Over the past six years, Aldine ISD has received many awards and accolades. It is the largest urban school

district in Texas to achieve an academic rating of Recognized. A national study conducted by The Learning First Alliance of Washington D.C. selected Aldine ISD as one of the top ten school districts in the nation for African American and Latino students to receive a public education. For more information on Aldine Independent School District, visit the Aldine ISD web site at [www.aldine.k12.tx.us](http://www.aldine.k12.tx.us).

**About Syncsort**

Syncsort Incorporated is a leading developer of high-performance systems and data warehousing software for mainframe, UNIX, and Windows environments. For more than 30 years, Syncsort has built a reputation for superior product performance and reliable technical support. An independent market research firm has named Syncsort as one of the top Data Warehouse 100 Vendors for four years in a row. Over 95 percent of the Fortune 100 companies are Syncsort customers, and Syncsort's products are used in more than 50 countries to speed data warehouse processing, improve database loads, speed query processing, and back up and protect data in distributed environments. For more information, visit the Syncsort web site at [www.syncsort.com](http://www.syncsort.com).

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