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### **Florida Virtual School® Wins IMS Global Learning Impact Award**

**Orlando, FL (June 7, 2016)** – Florida Virtual School (FLVS®), a statewide public school district in the state of Florida and international provider of award-winning education products and services, has been honored with a 2016 IMS Global Learning Impact Award for its Unlocked Content Tool (Unlock). FLVS was awarded the Platinum Medal, the highest level in the New/Research Projects category.

FLVS was one of eight winners selected by the IMS Global Learning Consortium (IMS Global/IMS), the world leader in EdTech interoperability and innovation, out of 25 innovative projects from around the world that competed as finalists in this year's competition. In its 10<sup>th</sup> year, the [Learning Impact Awards](#) program recognizes outstanding, innovative applications of educational technology and results achieved to address the most significant challenges facing education. Winners are selected by a panel of expert evaluators using a series of rubrics to evaluate eight dimensions for improving learning impact, including improving access, affordability, and quality of learning. Entries are categorized by New/Research projects started within the last 12 months and Established projects deployed for at least 24 months.

The Unlock functionality by FLVS opens access to tens of thousands of online FLVS Kindergarten-12 standards-aligned lessons, while retaining control of the publishing mechanism and copyright. Previously, delivered content remained static and contained within the confines of the prescribed scope and sequence of the publisher. Unlock breaks those chains and allows for customized in-content navigation, removal of numbering and lesson sequencing, delivery of state specific content, a cleaner look and feel for the end-user, and the enablement of personal curriculum plug-ins within the content. Unlock also empowers users to modify content and place Open Educational Resources (OER) alongside FLVS lessons. For more information about FLVS Unlock functionality and other FLVS products, visit [www.flvs.net/solutions](http://www.flvs.net/solutions).

"We are honored to receive this recognition for the Unlocked Content Tool," said Dr. Polly Haldeman, senior director, Business Development and Solutions. "As an online school, we are constantly striving to provide innovative products that enhance education technology to positively impact the learning experience of our students and the students of the schools and districts that use our content around the world."

#### **About FLVS**

[Florida Virtual School® \(FLVS®\)](#) is a fully accredited, statewide public school district offering more than 150 courses to Kindergarten-12 students. Its certified teachers use a variety of personalized instructional programs to create individualized educational plans for every student. Since 1997, FLVS students have successfully completed more than 2.4 million semester enrollments. FLVS also provides its courseware and expertise to online and blended learning programs across the nation. Services include content licensing, FLVS Global School, District Virtual Schools, digital learning labs, and professional development. As a not-for-profit, FLVS reinvests revenue into the development of new educational technologies and the creation of the highest-quality courses, benefiting students in Florida and beyond. To learn more, visit [www.flvs.net](http://www.flvs.net).

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