

School News & Notes

Schools Nationwide Give Every Kid A Front Row Seat

(NAPSA)—Teachers and parents may be surprised to learn that one of the biggest obstacles to a child's success at school is an acoustically hostile classroom. Noise echoes off uncarpeted floors, high ceilings, windows and hard desks, intensifying day-to-day sounds. And studies show that with noisy classrooms on the rise, listening and learning are some of the biggest challenges faced by most elementary and middle school students.

Thousands of schools nationwide now combat classroom noise with FrontRow Active Learning Systems—wireless systems that gently amplify and clarify teachers' and students' voices—essentially giving every student a front row seat. The first such products to be cleared by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration as safe and effective devices for improving classroom communication, FrontRow systems include a small, lightweight, wireless microphone for the teacher, one to four small speakers and a handheld pass-around microphone for the students.

Teachers rave about FrontRow systems as valuable teaching tools, and repeated studies over the last 15 years indicate that FrontRow technology fosters a significant increase in student participation, attentiveness and performance.

In addition, with U.S. schools losing nearly \$2.5 billion annually in sick leave for teachers with vocal problems (according to the University of Iowa's National Cen-



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ter for Voice and Speech), FrontRow Active Learning Systems could be a relief on school budgets. Teachers who use FrontRow in their classrooms no longer have to raise their voices to be heard and can teach from any place in the classroom, confident that every student can hear clearly.

Wireless classroom products are significantly improving academic performance and assisting teachers in over 60 countries and thousands of classrooms worldwide. FrontRow's parent company, Phonic Ear, has helped people understand each other better in classrooms, stadiums, theaters, cinemas and other public facilities worldwide since 1963. For more information, please visit www.gofrontrow.com or call (800) 227-0735.