Sopra Group releases the "Paris Classe Numérique" (Paris Digital Class) project as open-source software to allow local authorities to accelerate their secondary school digital projects

Paris, 25 April 2013 – **Sopra Group, leader in consulting, IT services and software development in Europe, announces the release of the e-education project "Paris Classe Numérique" for the Department of Paris as open-source software. All the project source code will be transferred to the Shared Project Space of local authorities who have chosen Open ENT (Open Espace Numérique de Travail - Open Digital Work Space). This will allow local authorities using Open ENT to accelerate their educational digital technology projects within their secondary schools by building upon the major advances made by Sopra Group and the Department of Paris: enhanced user interface for a more flexible, friendly and up-to-date user experience, implementation of a robust digital mailbox and professional messaging service, optimised integration of the Pronote school management software, and finally setting up an additional portal using Lutece to promote the solution to key users and stakeholders.**

A shared contribution

When it was selected by the Department of Paris to implement, roll out and supply a Digital Work Space, Sopra Group made a commitment to transfer all the work undertaken into a community open-source space, called Open ENT.

After the project was delivered into production, Sopra Group proceeded to release the entire project carried out for the Department of Paris as open-source software. Sopra Group has made several major contributions that are being passed on to all local authorities: customised spaces for different user profiles (parents, pupils, teachers, school heads, etc.), an overhaul of document management and messaging, the development of a single connector that provides close integration to the services offered by Index Education*.

In brief, the contribution of the "Paris Classe Numérique" project by the Department of Paris and Sopra Group makes it possible to offer a modern interface matching the current expectations of teachers, pupils and their parents, more robust business functionality and a simplified user experience especially related to the school management software.

A firm step towards Open ENT governance

By transferring all its work as open-source software, Sopra Group is affirming its involvement in the community and its determination to comply with the Open ENT community's recommendations for new collective governance. Sopra Group's desire is to participate fully in the transformation of local authorities and the digital development of education.

 "This contribution is the concrete result of several hundred days of design, architecture, development and integration by Sopra Group for the local authorities who have chosen open source and Open ENT. At this time of limited budgets, it is decidedly a collective victory that Sopra Group is participating in by allowing local authorities to share all the levers to boost their projects to serve France's secondary schools," concludes Philippe Benmoussa, sales engineer at Sopra Group.

*Index Education publishes school management software

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