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**Last Chance to Qualify and Win over \$10,000 in Classroom Technology as
Canada's Most Tech Savvy Educator in the HP MindShare Learning 21st
Century Classroom Contest--Deadline: Friday, December 19 at Midnight**

-High School Teacher Chantal Lafargue of New Brunswick Declared November Winner-

Mississauga, Ontario: Wednesday, December 10, 2008: This month marks the 3rd and final prize pack giveaway of over \$10,000 in classroom technology that will be awarded to a K-12 teacher who exemplifies excellence in classroom teaching with technology. Through a video submission, K-12 educators from publicly funded schools across Canada are challenged to share their interactive classroom technology success stories or vision of the 21st century classroom. Qualified entrants will be eligible to win the last of three classroom technology prize packages, each valued at more than \$10,000, from leading classroom technology providers. The final contest entry deadline is **Friday, December 19, 2008, at midnight.**

The MindShare Learning Report is pleased to announce Chantal Lafargue, high school teacher at Fredericton High School in Fredericton, N.B., as the November winner of the HP MindShare Learning Report 21st Century Interactive Classroom contest. This contest aims to create a greater awareness around 21st century learning skills and the need to prepare students for the global knowledge-based economy.

"I am very proud of my students who collaborated with me during their free time. By working together, we were able to share techniques and new software, finding creative solutions to present our ideas about 21st century learning," says Chantal Lafargue.

"We're pushing the 21st century learning envelope to inspire change and celebrate Canadian education innovation in K-12 classrooms. Ms. Lafargue's passion for integrating technology in the classroom and engaging her students to teach language studies is unparalleled. We are pleased to share her success story in hopes of inspiring other educators across Canada," says Robert Martellacci, president and publisher, The MindShare Learning Report—*Canada's Premier Educational Technology eMagazine.*

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"Great examples of 21st century learning! The students were engaged, involved and the results were amazing. Loved the world-wide learning context with native speakers assessing and correcting second-language learning," says Tim Gard, Toronto District School Board classroom media specialist and member of the judging panel.

The HP MindShare Learning Report Interactive Classroom contest has attracted premier sponsors who have offered generous prizes to support 21st Century Classroom innovation. HP is the contest's title sponsor; prize sponsors include FrontRow, EPSON, Microsoft, netTrekker, Pearson, SMART Technologies and Texthelp.

Congratulations to Chantal Lafargue of Fredericton High School and her students: Winners of the November HP MSL Report Interactive Classroom Contest



Winning video link:
http://www.teachertube.com/view_video.php?viewkey=9a9b310031e484bc8e3f

Student reaction video:
http://www.teachertube.com/view_video.php?viewkey=fe319b77e486d2390ad4

Last month's inaugural winning video link:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nFDa4pBQVA>

The Classroom Technology Prize Pack Includes— There are (3) classroom technology prize packs will be awarded, one per month (October, November and December). The prize packs are each valued at more than \$10,000 and include:

Sponsor	Product
FrontRow	FrontRow Pro Digital Classroom amplification system
EPSON	PowerLite Projector
HP	HP 2133Mini Note PC
Microsoft	8GB Black MS Zune
	MS Office Ultimate
netTrekker	One-year school subscription-Education Search engine
Pearson	eBook software
SMART Technologies	SMART Board 680 interactive whiteboard
	Senteo interactive response system
	SMART Document Camera
Texthelp Systems	Read&Write GOLD MOBILE, including 1 (one) year Software Maintenance Services

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Teachers take note! The next contest entry deadline is **Friday, December 19, 2008**.
How to enter for a chance to Win!

Teachers from publicly funded K-12 Canadian schools can go to:
http://mindsharelearning.com/banner_add_aug_30_08.php for more contest details.

About Chantal Lafargue--Chantal Lafargue has worked in a variety of secondary and post secondary educational settings since 2001. Her public school career began as an online Spanish teacher for the New Brunswick Department of Education. Since 2007 Lafargue has been employed at Fredericton High School as a teacher of Spanish, French Immersion and English as an Additional Language for newcomers. In 2006, she completed her MEd at University of New Brunswick, examining how Web 2.0 technologies can be utilised to increase student-to-student oral interaction and collaboration in an online distance education environment. Since September, 2007, her classroom has been the recipient of four grants from the New Brunswick Department of Education's Innovative Learning Fund which provides funding to teachers who are doing classroom research projects that enhance learning opportunities.

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