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GPS Financial Software Upgrade Q & A
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Q1: Is Infinite Visions a well known company? Are other local districts using their product?

A1: Yes, Infinite Visions is a well established financial solution that is used prevalently, by many districts, statewide. Approximately, 225 Arizona school districts and 13 Arizona county schools offices use Infinite Visions.

Q2: What will happen to the AS400 (CIMS) after the migration to the new system?

A2: For the first year after the go-live, GPS will keep the AS400 (CIMS) as an archival system to be used for historical data extraction. Ultimately, the AS400 (CIMS) will be retired.

Q3: What are the key departments involved in the transition?

A3: Payroll, Accounts Payable, Human Resources, and Technology Services. These will be key departments in the initial phases of data clean up, migration, testing and the implementation phases.

Q4: What is the implementation schedule?

A4: Implementation is a minimum of a two year effort. The current plan in year one will address the basic core and primary operations of the district. These include the following; general ledger, accounts payable, payroll, HR, state reporting, student activities/auxiliary and fund accounting. The plan in year two will address the remaining operations of the district. These include the following: fixed assets, benefits enrollment, budget preparation, barcode interface, employee reimbursements and commerce bank EFT payment interface. The final implementation schedule will be developed jointly between GPS and Tyler School Solutions.

Q5: When is the anticipated completion of the migration and implementation?

A5: Completion of implementation is planned for July 2016.

Q6: Who will receive training for the new Infinite Visions system?

A6: All employees will be trained on their key functions as they relate to the financial system.

Q7: How long will the new system last?

A7: The Infinite Visions system is more flexible than the AS400 system and has great expansion capabilities to fit the district's needs as it continues to expand. Regular software updates are part of the upgrade/migration package.