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## **NEW ELLENTON SCHOOL RECEIVES GIFTS FROM WSRC**

AIKEN, S.C. (December 16, 2008) – In the spirit of the Christmas season, the Washington Savannah River Company (WSRC) presented some special gifts to Greendale Elementary School in New Ellenton.

WSRC, which manages the contract for liquid waste disposition at the Savannah River Site (SRS) for the U.S. Department of Energy, purchased a set of technology-driven devices called Senteo, an interactive response system, for classroom use.

The Senteo is a powerful tool that enhances student learning in a variety of ways via a classroom's Smart Board system. With the system, teachers can do more than ask questions and receive answers. They can increase interaction in the classroom and assess if students understand a lesson or concept. Students can confidentially voice their opinion in polls or ask for help. The system keeps students connected to learning.

Some key features of the system include:

- Asking questions in a variety of formats, from numeric responses to more than one right answer.
- Providing immediate or delayed feedback to students.
- Giving a teacher the opportunity to take a quiz, poll or make an assessment.
- Allowing teachers to create personalized study guides from results of an assessment that show students why an answer is correct or incorrect.
- Giving teachers a mechanism to tally results in a graph or chart format, which can be used in other ways to lessen a teacher's paperwork.

In addition to the technology donation to the school, WSRC staff members donated personal money so a \$40 gift card could be presented to each of the 33 instructional teachers at the school. The gift is to help defray out-of-pocket expenses teachers incur when adding materials to their classrooms.

“We recognize that teachers have a difficult task every day,” said WSRC President Steve Piccolo. “We wanted to take time during the Christmas season to say thank you to Greendale's teachers for the job they do all year long.”

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