Press Release:

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE NEWS-O-MATIC AND CLOSE EDUCATION JOIN FORCES WITH EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTERS OF INDIANA TO BRING THE DAILY NEWS LITERACY PLATFORM TO INDIANA STUDENTS

Noblesville, IN, New York, NY, February 1, 2022 —News-O-Matic announced a partnership with the Educational Service Centers of Indiana ("ESC of I") through their Indiana partner, Close Education to provide engaging and appropriate daily nonfiction content to all students, at multiple reading levels in 5 different languages, including English, Spanish & Mandarin.

News-O-Matic is thrilled to be made available to all students throughout Indiana in partnership with the ESC of I. The digital resource has been selected and will be recommended to Indiana districts. An additional benefit of our partnership, especially in these challenging economic times, is our ability to pass along cost savings to member districts on News-O-Matic purchases.

News-O-Matic engages K-8 students with interactive, daily nonfiction texts focusing on ELA, Science, Social Studies, SEL, through current events. Its database of 12,000+ multimedia-rich articles appear in a wide range of Lexile levels and languages.

Every weekday, News-O-Matic publishes interactive daily news content that teaches children 21st-century skills such as critical thinking, media literacy, and global awareness. The news stories are written across three reading levels and are available in English, French, Spanish, Arabic and Mandarin — in text and audio (all recorded by native speakers). Assessment questions (multiple choices & open ended) come with every article, along with a teacher guide and student activities.

Millions of students use News-O-Matic as part of their learning curricula. News-O-Matic is available across the web and all mobile devices, facilitating learning anywhere at anytime.

About Close Education

Close Education is a local Indiana certified WBE founded in 2007. *Close Education* partners with Industry leaders and Indiana schools and organizations, providing the most effective online learning tools in Reading, Math, and Social-Emotional Learning.

Cutting edge online solutions enable teachers to utilize data to inform teacher-led instruction making it easy to teach every individual through tailored, focused learning. All students can and want to learn. It's merely a matter of finding the right tools coupled with the power of a compassionate teacher. We believe in the power of personalized adaptive instructional technology and delivering teachers tools that enable them to provide extended learning time and data to accelerate learning for all. <u>www.closeeducation.com</u>

About News-O-Matic

News-O-Matic was founded in 2013 as an educational resource designed to make nonfiction accessible and engaging for young readers. News-O-Matic has been awarded and recognized multiple times including Best App for Teaching & Learning by the AASL (American Association of School Librarian), Teachers' Choice Award, or the World Young Reader Prize by the The World Association of News Publishers (WAN-IFRA). www.newsomatic.org