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**NEW RESOURCE FOR PARENTS AND EDUCATORS OFFERS
ACCESS TO HANDWRITING RESEARCH AND WHITE PAPER**

WASHINGTON, D.C. (February 21, 2012) – The latest findings in the debate regarding the role handwriting plays in a student’s academic success are now available online for school administrators, teachers, and parents. The website, www.hw21summit.com, features research, surveys, media coverage, a white paper, and opportunities to “get involved” when it comes to the role handwriting plays in the 21st century.

In January, researchers and education thought leaders convened for **Handwriting in the 21st Century? An Educational Summit** to discuss the role of handwriting instruction in the 21st century classroom. Zaner-Bloser, in partnership with the American Association of School Administrators, sponsored the event.

As a result of the collaborative summit, a white paper is now available titled: **Handwriting in the 21st Century? Research Shows Why Handwriting Belongs in Today’s Classroom**. Published by Saperstein Associates Inc., the white paper summarizes the research presented at the summit by:

- Dr. Virginia Berninger, University of Washington
- Dr. Jane Case-Smith, The Ohio State University
- Dr. Gerry Conti, Wayne State University
- Dr. Tanya Santangelo, Arcadia University (research co-authored by Dr. Steve Graham, Vanderbilt University)
- Dr. Karin Harman James, Indiana University
- Dr. Stephen Peverly, Teachers College, Columbia University

Handwriting and keyboarding standards that can supplement the Common Core State Standards will be available soon on the summit website, <http://www.hw21summit.com>, as well as numerous opportunities for education advocates and parents to get involved.

About Zaner-Bloser

Zaner-Bloser, a wholly owned subsidiary of Highlights for Children with more than 120 years of experience in education, is one of the premier publishers of research-based reading, writing, spelling, vocabulary and handwriting programs. The Zaner-Bloser mission is to create dynamic, appealing and effective educational programs and services. Zaner-Bloser focuses on distinctive programs that inspire all students to become engaged, literate participants in the global society.

About Saperstein Associates

Saperstein Associates is a full-service, opinion research company helping public- and private-sector clients manage risk by providing accurate, reliable information, coupled with insight. Its president, Dr. Martin Saperstein, served as moderator at **Handwriting in the 21st Century? An Educational Summit**.

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