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**I SUPPORT LEARNING LAUNCHES THE FIRST  
VIDEO GAME DEVELOPMENT LEVEL II CURRICULUM**

Calipatria, CA – July 15, 2005 – I Support Learning, L.L.C. (ISL) chose David Gupton’s Imperial Valley Regional Occupational Program (IVROP) as the first site in the nation to use the new *Video Game Development Level II* curriculum.

ISL’s unique immersive story-based software turned Gupton’s classroom into an interactive internship, where students designed and developed video games to help seriously ill children. The concept of making the student a “virtual intern” brings the experience of learning technology, math, language, and science to life. The students immediately see themselves as active participants because the software regularly sends e-mails, faxes, calls, and virtual visits from customers, bosses, and co-workers. This revolutionary learning tool uses student’s passions and interests to create relevant real world experiences.

Gupton, Calipatria’s Technology Teacher, is excited to have found a new and engaging method to teach students what it takes to succeed in the high-tech global economy. Gupton said he appreciates the funding and the support of Supt. Mary N. Comacho, IVROP, in helping to create this new and cutting-edge course for the students of Imperial Valley.

The *Video Game Development Level II* curriculum teaches programming basics, design, and problem solving through the creation of 3-D video games. The self-directed, entirely computer-based curriculum teaches students how to create games with their own images, voices, music, and ideas. The unique training videos allow students to learn at their own pace. Upon completion of a project, students will have created a video game that they can take home and play with friends and family.

“The response from students and educators has been tremendous. This is really the first immersive story-based curriculum of its type or depth that’s ever been applied in technology education,” says Steve Waddell, a curriculum designer at I Support Learning. “The software is a new way for teachers to address and achieve state assessments and national standards using curriculum that is both engaging and relevant to students.”

**About I Support Learning**

The Olathe, KS based company is mission driven: to empower educators in their quest to create and support life-long learners, to make education relevant and engaging for the student through creative software. ISL is a dedicated team of developers whose goal is to revolutionize learning

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through real world interaction. Taking the passion and interests of kids and allowing them to explore and develop new ideas and skills is how we are making learning fun – still challenging and rewarding – but fun. For more information: [www.isupportlearning.com](http://www.isupportlearning.com)

### **About Imperial Valley Regional Occupational Program**

Over the last twenty-three years, IVROP has committed itself to developing and providing quality occupational training programs that enable students to learn skills that lead to a successful school-to-career transition or advanced academic/technical training. IVROP takes pride in their fine teaching staff and the outstanding job they do in preparing students.

IVROP takes a proactive role in the career and technical education field within Imperial County. Their program maintains an excellent reputation in the community due to the students and the outstanding teachers teaching them.

**Steps of Success** - Project SOS, funded by the US Department of Labor, serves youth ages 14-21 living in Niland, Calipatria and parts of Brawley. The project provides opportunities to learn vocational and academic skills that assist in finding and keeping jobs. Students will acquire the necessary skills and work experience to successfully transition into adulthood, careers and further their education and training. The SOS Project Director, Marylyn Boyle is proud of the tremendous work students have put in to this opportunity. For more information: [www.ivrop.org](http://www.ivrop.org)

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