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SAN FRANCISCO SHERIFF DEPARTMENT'S PROVIDES TABLET-BASED EDUCATION

The San Francisco Sheriff's Department (SFSD) and its Five Keys Charter School is working with American Prison Data Systems (APDS) on a pilot program that will use secure tablets provided exclusively by APDS to deliver educational content electronically to the inmates in a safe, secure and efficient way.

APDS is a public benefits corporation that was founded in 2011 by CEO Chris Grewe with the goal of making the custody environment safer and reducing recidivism in a cost-effective and technologically secure way. The pilot program's goals are to identify client needs and implement programs based on needs and criminal history, establish individual treatment and reentry plans, emphasize restorative justice and cultivate responsible behaviors.

ADPS will train SFSD staff on the safety and security features of the 125 tablets to be delivered to the Five Keys Charters Schools and the Reentry Pod. APDS Android-based tablets are connected by a secure private network, designed by the same Verizon engineers who developed network security solutions for the Department of Homeland Security and the NYC Anti-Terror Taskforce.. The tablets will include the following contents: an Online Law Library, APDS Secure Communications for inmate/teacher digital communications, APDS National Corrections Library - the first online recreational library curated specifically for custody environments, APDS Virtual Classroom for the remote delivery of teacher-led classes, and the APDS Learning Management System, which supports digitization and delivery of Five Keys Charter School Courses.

According to a 2014 RAND Study, adult correctional education improves post release outcomes by which inmates who participate in correctional education programs have a 43 percent lower chance of recidivating than those who do not participate in educational programs.

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“APDS is thrilled that Sheriff Mirkarimi and Five Keys have chosen to partner with APDS and leverage our technology to expand the reach and power of their proven education and rehabilitation programs. We look forward to working closely with the Sheriff, Five Keys and their dedicated teams to help fulfill our shared mission of improving community safety and inmate-outcomes through education and rehabilitation”, said Chris Grewe.

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