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ISIP Oral Reading Fluency was recently named one of the [Top Ed Tech Products of 2020](#) by the Future of Education Technology Conference (FETC) in collaboration with District Administration magazine. ORF was one of 15 winners, which is exciting because hundreds of products were reviewed. There will be an opportunity to demo the product virtually in front of many decision makers at the upcoming TCEA virtual conference. Developed through a partnership with Boulder Learning, Inc., Istation's oral reading fluency assessment is a pioneering effort in the use of AI enhanced speech recognition technology in education. It also integrates digital recording programming to help schools measure oral reading fluency, accuracy, and more, using norms based on Hasbrouck & Tindal Oral Reading Fluency Data. "We're excited to reach out to educators and showcase how Istation's approach empowers teachers to educate students in ways that haven't been possible before," said Ossa Fisher, Istation President and Chief Operating Officer. "Combining over three decades of educational research with more than a decade of technical development and data, this ground-breaking technology gives schools access to innovative voice recognition and recording technology that supports powerful growth. "The Oral Reading Fluency assessment provides schools with grade-leveled passages, scoring options, audio playback, online access, note-taking features, real-time reports, virtual tours, and many other types of time-saving support that help give teachers more time to teach. "We are very pleased with our collaboration with Istation," said John Ramo, CEO of Boulder Learning, Inc. "Our work together is an example of how great teams can collaborate to create breakthrough technology products that accelerate reading proficiency while saving teachers time for other instruction. We hope to expand our partnership with even more advanced learning products. "This partnership between Istation and Boulder Learning is uniquely suited to provide educators with a product that has years of research and developmental experience," said Richard H. Collins, chairman and CEO of Istation. "The time-saving, data-driven features, benefits and applications clearly demonstrate the positive impact that this type of innovation can have in our classrooms. "Our teachers love the time savings and feel they do not lose instruction time while students are testing on the Oral Reading Fluency assessment," said Diana Wright, instructional coach at Aztec Municipal Schools in New Mexico. "The teachers have gained accuracy in grading because they can focus on the recordings, pause and go back to listen closely to each student's recording. Our students and parents appreciate teachers sharing student recordings with them to gain a better understanding of student reading skills. Students are more engaged with the Oral Reading Fluency assessment on the computer because it is fun for them and feel private-like a privilege for them to use."

About Istation

Founded in 1998 and based in Dallas, Texas, Istation (Imagination Station) has become one of the nation's leading providers of richly animated, game-like educational technology. Istation was named one of 2019's "EdTech 1000: Companies Transforming Education" by *EdTech Digest* and has received numerous national educational technology awards. The Istation program puts more instructional time in the classroom through small-group and collaborative instruction. Istation's innovative reading, math and Spanish programs immerse students in an engaging and interactive environment and inspire them to learn. Additionally, administrators and educators can use Istation to easily track the progress of their students, schools and classrooms. Istation now serves more than 4 million students throughout the United States and in several other countries. The company celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2018.

About Boulder Learning Inc.

Established in 2016, Boulder Learning is a learning technology company that is a pioneer in children's speech recognition technologies. Boulder Learning has been the recipient of over \$25M in research funding from the U.S. Department of Education, The Institute for Education Sciences and other agencies and the company has successfully created and disseminated researched based programs such as HELP Math, and Istation's ORF in schools across the US.

Through government-sponsored research and private investment, Boulder Learning is continuing to develop technologies for conversational intelligent tutors and automatic assessment systems. Virtual tutors for reading and science have been developed and rigorously evaluated in real-world conditions. Several of the systems are being readied for commercial development.

For more information; www.boulderlearning.com