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## **For Kamiakin High School Hitachi Interactive Whiteboards Just Add Up**

*-- Washington High School Is Utilizing Hitachi Starboards To Enhance Mathematics Education In Various Courses. --*

**CHULA VISTA, Calif., January 19, 2009** – Math class has never been as exciting since Kamiakin High School in Kennewick, Washington upgraded classroom technology with Hitachi interactive whiteboards. Purchased through Troxell Communications the school utilizes the Hitachi FXDUO-77 model StarBoard.

Jenny Byrd, a mathematics teacher at Kamiakin is utilizing the StarBoard in all classes she teaches. “Typically I have notes (including pictures, definitions, examples and practice problems) that I display onto my board. The Hitachi interactive whiteboard improves what I have done in the past in many ways. I love that when I move on to the next page the board has saved my work on the previous page. If students are struggling on a practice problem I can switch back to the example problem,” stated Ms. Byrd.

Ms. Byrd has also found ways to implement the interactive whiteboard with other technology the students use. I use the board in conjunction with my calculator software to display graphs. The students can actually see me touching the buttons and their location on the board,” added Ms. Byrd.

The interactive whiteboards have even become an asset in the rare circumstance that the teacher isn’t there. “When I have a substitute I record my voice and interactions with the board for the sub to play. The students no longer fall behind if the sub doesn’t know math. The sub has an easier time with the students because she doesn’t have to try as hard to keep them engaged in a worksheet, they have a video to watch and notes to take. I even still give students practice problems,” stated Ms. Byrd.

According to Ms. Byrd she looks forward to continuing to find new and exciting ways to integrate the StarBoard into lessons. “There are many applications I look forward to adding to my classroom as time goes by. For example, I would like to add more interactive lessons. Where students come up to the board and physically translate, rotate, dilate a shape or learn about fraction addition. There are also many math applets we could do on the board to strengthen student understanding.”

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