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### **Austin Science Education Specialist, Sharon McIlroy, Joins Holt as Consultant**

**AUSTIN, Texas – September 2, 2004** – Holt, Rinehart and Winston—a leading publisher of textbooks and educational materials for grades six through 12—today announced that Sharon McIlroy has joined the company as a consultant in the science division. McIlroy brings over 20 years of experience in curriculum planning and teaching to her position where she will advise Holt in the development and revision of their award-winning curriculum and supplementary resources.

McIlroy's former position was as an administrative supervisor for science and health curriculum programs for the Austin Independent School District. Having met the diverse needs of the district's 78,000-student population where 71 different foreign languages are spoken, McIlroy fully understands the unique educational and curriculum challenges inherent in this environment.

"I am ecstatic to bring all of my knowledge and experience working with urban districts to my new position here at Holt," said McIlroy. "I've always used Holt's products as reference and resource materials for my job. I am excited to join Holt's efforts to help teachers in continuing to provide quality education resource and reference materials which meet the needs of all students—especially for immigrants who are often in the U.S. for the first time and are learning to speak English. Holt has excellent resources to help make their educational experience a success."

Holt President Judy Fowler is pleased to have McIlroy on her team. "She will help our marketing and sales representatives reach a greater understanding of the 6-12 marketplace and provide the kind of resource material that will help them be more effective working with teachers and administrators. Her understanding of 21st century education is a great asset to our company."

A science and health education teacher and curriculum specialist for over 20 years, McIlroy received a master's and bachelor's degree in education at Texas Tech University. She holds a Mid-Management Cohort Administrator Certification from the Region XIII Education Service Center, which is a service organization created and authorized by the Texas State Legislature.

She also served on many curriculum-writing committees for health and science education and is a frequent speaker at national and Texas conferences on science education, curriculum planning, and supervision. She is regarded as an expert in diversity education management and curriculum development. She was recently recognized with an Intel International Engineering and Science Educator Award for her work and for her contributions to science fairs for Pre-K to 12th-grade students in 2001.

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