Single Sign On for Open Educational Resources (OER)

ISKME Partners with Clever to Enhance Collaborative Learning

August 2, 2016 (**Half Moon Bay, CA**) – ISKME – the Institute for the Study of Knowledge Management in Education, a pioneer in innovative learning practices and open education resources (OER) – announces its partnership with Clever, which provides students and teachers single sign-on access to favorite online learning applications, and allows districts to have simple and secure integration with their student information systems.

The partnership with Clever will make it easier for districts to deploy OER from ISKME's digital public library, OER Commons, enabling teachers to seamlessly sync class rosters to OER Commons using Clever's Secure Sync technology. The student roster data are updated automatically and securely, ensuring the accuracy and privacy of student and teacher records.

Teachers and students can use OER Commons together by creating OER Student Groups from existing class rosters. OER Student Groups are flexible and easily adapted to meet the needs of teachers. Teachers can create collections of activities, or allow students to independently explore OER Commons' high-quality learning resources, ranging from STEM to the history of ancient Egypt, to Shakespeare's plays.

Lisa Petrides, CEO and Founder of ISKME, which launched OER Commons in 2007, says that the partnership with Clever adds other benefits: "The beauty of OER Commons is the capability it offers educators to collaborate in designing and sharing lessons and learning activities. By partnering with Clever, we have opened OER Commons to students in a way that is flexible and allows teachers to use their own workflows, but does not sacrifice simplicity or the security of student information. Thanks to Clever's Non-Profit Partnership option, we are able to offer this integration free of charge."

"Teachers always need access to high-quality customizable content, and OER Commons makes it simple for them to find those materials and to collaborate with other teachers to create the best possible lessons and activities," said Dan Carroll, co-founder and Chief Product Officer at Clever. "We're excited to work with ISKME to help teachers and students reach higher levels of collaboration and ultimately achieve better learning outcomes."

About ISKME
ISKME is an independent nonprofit dedicated to improving the practice of continuous learning, collaboration, and change in the education sector. Established in 2002, ISKME supports innovative teaching and learning practices globally and is well known for its open education initiatives. ISKME also assists policymakers, foundations, and education institutions in designing continuous improvement policies and practice, www.iskme.org.

About Clever
Clever was founded in 2012 by educators and technologists who knew that widely available educational apps could improve both teaching and learning, but that tools to deploy and secure the applications were simply unavailable. Today, one in three innovative K-12 schools in the U.S. trust Clever to secure their student data as they adopt learning apps in the classroom, www.clever.com.