

## *Press Release*

### *ASSA ABLOY Announces Product Integration with the Blackboard Transact Platform*

New Haven, CT – ASSA ABLOY, the global leader in door opening solutions, announced a strategic partnership agreement and product integration with Blackboard Inc., the global leader in enterprise technology and innovative solutions for the education market, that will link ASSA ABLOY's intelligent campus locks with *Blackboard Transact™*, the company's commerce and security management platform.

The integration will facilitate seamless interaction between IP-enabled locks from ASSA ABLOY Group brands CORBIN RUSSWIN and SARGENT and the Blackboard Transact platform, enabling schools to expand access control to any doorway on campus using the ASSA ABLOY and Blackboard pairing.

The interface makes it possible for institutions to use a single campus card to access both the Blackboard system and ASSA ABLOY locks. This helps schools expand their card services, while simultaneously reducing costs associated with traditional locking systems. Additionally, the integration provides administrators with an improved ability to manage and administer access control efforts to track and configure security system assignments, schedules, alarms and other functions.

“The ASSA ABLOY and Blackboard partnership benefits higher education campuses by expanding their access control options,” said Martin Huddart, vice president of electronic technologies for ASSA ABLOY Americas. “Our offering of online and offline locking solutions coupled with Blackboard Transact will simplify life for campus administrators and students.”

“This strategic partnership is part of a continued approach to increase levels of security, while providing added convenience for today’s students,” says David Marr, president of Blackboard Transact. “Our Blackboard Transact solutions, integrated with access control systems powered by lock partners such as Assa Abloy, create an opportunity for institutions to be innovative while delivering solutions that anticipate the needs of an ever-changing campus environment.”

## **About ASSA ABLOY**

ASSA ABLOY is the global leader in door opening solutions, dedicated to satisfying end-user demands for security, safety and convenience.

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