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National Office Furniture's Essay, Fold, and Whimsy Products Earn the GEI Seal of Endorsement

JASPER, Ind., May 16, 2017 - National Office Furniture, a unit of Kimball International, Inc., announces that three of its products have earned the Global Educator Institute (GEI) Seal of Endorsement, placing them as among the best teaching products available today.

National's [Essay](#) seating collection, [Fold](#) flip/nest tables, and [Whimsy](#) impromptu seating were tested in classrooms in five school systems. At the end of the six-week evaluation process, teachers provided detailed feedback via GEI's comprehensive rubric. Each product's endorsement is based on its success in these main categories: Educational Impact, Effectiveness, Design, Durability, Functionality, and Value. The GEI endorsement reflects real-world success and places National's products among the best-designed, most effective products for learning and the learning environment.



"My students enjoyed the Essay seating collection so much I could use it as a positive motivator. They were able to be comfortable for extended time on their laptops using the chair. The ability to adjust the chair accommodated each student. I have a student who is over 6'4" and he was as comfortable in the chair as another student who was 5'4"."

— Jenn H., Tennessee, GEI Reviewer and Teacher



"My students were enthusiastic about using this mobile desk. They chose where and with whom they wanted to work when they were at the desk. Fold tables gave students choice and mobility in an otherwise immobile learning environment. I would recommend the table to anyone who wants their students to have more autonomy and mobility in the classroom."

— Alyssa D., Colorado, GEI Reviewer and Teacher



"Alternative seating is important in today's classrooms as students need the chance to move; the standard classroom desk is a thing of the past. Whimsy offers an alternative that provides students some sensory input and engages core muscles. It is sturdy and high quality."

— Katie B., Ohio, GEI Reviewer and Teacher

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About National Office Furniture:

National Office Furniture, a brand unit of Kimball International, Inc. (NASDAQ: KBAL), is a Jasper, Indiana-based manufacturer of high-quality office furnishings. Since 1980, National has built a reputation for excellence with stylish furniture of exceptional value; a dedication to personalized service; product designs that reflect a passion for the user's comfort and productivity; and a commitment to environmental responsibility. National operates facilities in Santa Claus and Jasper, Indiana; and Fordsville and Danville, Kentucky. For more information about National and its products, visit www.NationalOfficeFurniture.com.