

## Blackstone to Make Significant Investment in Renaissance

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Simpson Thacher is representing Blackstone in connection with its proposed equity investment in Renaissance. Blackstone is making a significant investment through its flagship private equity fund alongside existing investors including Francisco Partners and TPG's The Rise Fund.

Renaissance is a global leader in pre-K-12 educational technology, serving more than 40% of U.S. schools and more than 16 million students worldwide. The Renaissance portfolio includes Star Assessments, myIGDIs, myON, Accelerated Reader, Schoolzilla, Lalilo and Nearpod.

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