System Offers Integrated Search, Configurable Request Form, Stages, and Notified Parties for Vetting and Approval

June 1, 2017 (Calhoun, GA) — Today, TabPilot becomes the first mobile device management system to integrate custom workflow and tracking for teacher app requests. The Teacher App Request features are available in TabPilot 6.3, released worldwide today. The update is available immediately and without additional charge to all TabPilot customers as part of their annual subscription to the cloud-based MDM.

TabPilot's app request workflow is customized to match or meet the specific processes of the school or district. The app request form can be configured with custom fields that can be set as optional or required. Teachers can use the integrated App Store search or paste an iTunes URL to request an app. They can request apps (1) be installed to a group or class or (2) be made available for teacher self-service to handle their own installation (if granted permissions). Multiple stages or steps can be configured starting with the initial request through app evaluation and any number of custom steps until final approval/denial and ordering and installation. Responsible parties such as curriculum coordinators, technicians, purchasing agents, and administrators can be set to receive notifications at any step where requests are awaiting their attention.

TabPilot 6.3 also introduces the ability for admins to use pre-approved apps lists as a "self-service teacher catalog." Administrators can build a catalog of approved apps to which teachers can be granted permissions to install or uninstall from devices they manage, such as a classroom set. This feature is particularly useful for schools with iPads that have limited storage (i.e. 16 GB) by allowing teachers to install large apps only when necessary, and without submitting requests to the IT department.

Other enhancements include the ability to install apps and books based on membership in classes synced from Apple School Manager, several new iOS restrictions, and the ability to hide old Apple VPP apps that are no longer being used, but are forever part of the VPP purchase history.

Since 2012, TabPilot has been providing school-specific mobile device management solutions to the K-12 market. TabPilot is being used in schools across the U.S. and worldwide. For more information or to schedule a live demo or free trial of TabPilot visit www.tabpilot.com.