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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**  
**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the**  
**Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 10, 2009

**Progress Software Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission file number: 0-19417

Massachusetts  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

04-2746201  
(I.R.S. employer  
identification no.)

14 Oak Park  
Bedford, Massachusetts 01730  
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(781) 280-4000  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On December 10, 2009, Progress Software Corporation (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing that Dr. John Bates had been appointed Vice President, Chief Technology Officer and Head of Corporate Development of the Company. Dr. Bates replaces Jeffrey Stamen, Senior Vice President, Corporate Development, as Head of Corporate Development. Mr. Stamen, who was a Named Executive Officer during the fiscal year ended November 30, 2008, is expected to remain with the Company as a part-time employee in an advisory capacity until March 31, 2010. Effective upon his change in role, the Company has determined that Mr. Stamen is no longer an executive officer of the Company. As of the date of this Report, the terms of Mr. Stamen’s separation have not yet been finalized.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: December 16, 2009

Progress Software Corporation

By: /s/Norman R. Robertson

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Norman R. Robertson  
Senior Vice President, Finance and Administration and  
Chief Financial Officer