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Center for School Change Appoints Next Executive Director

The Connecticut Center for School Change announced today the appointment of Richard Lemons as its next Executive Director. He will assume responsibilities on July 1, 2017, following the retirement of Andrew Lachman who served the Center as Executive Director for 17 years.

Dr. Lemons served as Deputy Director of the Center for the past five years. In that role, he facilitated the Superintendents' Network. He also oversaw program development for LEAD Connecticut, a state-sponsored initiative focused on developing leadership of principals and superintendents, especially for the lowest-performing schools and districts.

Dr. Lemons came to the Center after serving as Vice President of Program and Policy at The Education Trust, a national organization committed to shrinking the achievement gaps that plague our educational system. He also served as a faculty member at the Neag School of Education, University of Connecticut and as Associate Director for the Harvard Change Leadership Group, a research and professional development center focused on helping districts improve.

“The Board of Directors is delighted to have Richard, who has been associated with the Center for 15 years as a consultant, facilitator and deputy director, assume the executive director position. Richard has a track record of strong leadership, program development and instructional improvement. He brings a history of accomplishments and expertise that will help the Center continue to move forward. The Board of Directors is extremely excited that Richard will work with us, our staff, and our partner districts to address excellence and equity in Connecticut’s schools,” said Dudley Williams, Board Chair of the Center for School Change.

Richard earned his Ed.M. and Ed.D. in Administration, Planning and Social Policy from the Harvard Graduate School of Education. He earned his BA in Political Science from North Carolina State University. He has published articles on a range of topics including leadership development, professional learning, organizational change, instructional quality, and equity in schools.

“I am humbled by the opportunity to lead such an important organization. The Center is committed to improving learning, achievement and life outcomes for all students, with a deliberate focus on disrupting the inequities that plague our educational system. With its exceptional staff of educators and deep expertise about systems change, improving instruction at scale, and leadership development, there is no other place I would rather be than the Connecticut Center for School Change,” said Richard Lemons.

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