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New York State Council of School Superintendents Announces New Executive Director: Charles Dedrick

Albany, NY - Dr. Charles Dedrick, currently District Superintendent of the Capital Region BOCES, has been named as the new Executive Director of the New York State Council of School Superintendents (THE COUNCIL).

Dr. Dedrick was the unanimous choice of the executive committee after a nationwide search conducted by Robert Christmann of the Western New York Educational Services Council. Maureen Donahue, current president of THE COUNCIL, stated that “Dr. Dedrick’s selection was a reflection of his vast experiences leading school districts and BOCES, along with his deep understanding of politics and policy both in Albany and Washington D.C.”

Dr. Charles “Chuck” Dedrick is recognized throughout New York State and on a national level as an outstanding educational leader. His experiences in diverse school districts will create a powerful voice for school superintendents. His strong working relationship with New York State Legislature, New York State Education Department’s Board of Regents, the Governor’s office, and the Commissioner of Education, will allow him to continue immediately as an advocate for children.

As Executive Director, he will lead a professional and advocacy organization representing over 800 New York State superintendents and assistant superintendents. In addition, he will serve as an Ex Officio Board Member of the Leadership for Educational Achievement Foundation, Inc. (LEAF, Inc.) the professional development arm of THE COUNCIL.

Prior to becoming the Capital Region BOCES District Superintendent, Chuck served as superintendent of the Cohoes City School District and the Green Island Union Free School District. He began his career as a social studies teacher moving on to become a principal before his first superintendent position in 1996.

Dedrick earned a B.A. degree at Excelsior College and two Master’s degrees from the University of Albany. In 2009, he was awarded a doctoral degree in Educational Leadership from Russell Sage College Graduate School. He has served as an adjunct professor at Hudson Valley Community College, The College of Saint Rose, and Russell Sage.

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Dedrick said he is thrilled to be joining THE COUNCIL as its next Executive Director because the position provides him an opportunity to be an advocate for children, the superintendency and public education on a statewide and national level. Dedrick thanked the Executive Committee for having the faith in him to carry on the great work of THE COUNCIL alongside the outstanding current Council staff.

Dr. Dedrick will assume his new role on July 1, 2016.

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The New York State Council of School Superintendents is a professional and advocacy organization with over a century of service to school superintendents and assistant superintendents in New York State. THE COUNCIL provides more than 800 members with numerous professional development opportunities, publications and personal services while advocating for public education and the superintendency.