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NEW LONDON PUBLIC SCHOOLS ANNOUNCES NEW SUPERINTENDENT **DR. TERENCE P. CARTER BEGINS LEADERSHIP OF DISTRICT AUGUST 1**

New London – The New London Board of Education is pleased to announce Dr. Terrence P. Carter as the district’s new superintendent of schools.

Dr. Carter, currently the Director and Chief Academic Officer for the Academy for Urban School Leadership (AUSL) — a division of Chicago Public Schools, District 299 — will assume the position as superintendent of schools August 1, 2014.

The Miami, Florida native expressed his excitement in relocating from the Windy City to New London.

“I’m coming home to the east coast to join the New London community in creating the best learning environment for our children,” Dr. Carter said. “I know from personal and professional experience that children who have dynamic teachers, school administration, significant instruction, extra-curricular experiences and high, no excuses expectations, do succeed.”

Dr. Carter, 49, holds a B.A. from Rutgers University; MPH/MSW degrees from the University of California at Berkeley; and a Ph.D., in Leadership & Adult Learning from Lesley University.

"I wish to commend the (school) board and search committee on an excellent choice who garnered the enthusiastic concurrence of Commissioner (Stefan) Pryor. As superintendent, Terrence Carter will be a role model for many students in New London," Special Master Steven Adamowski said. "Dr. Carter has devoted his career to providing high performing, rigorous schools for urban children ... As an instructional leader he will be an asset to New London and Connecticut as our state continues to close the achievement gap by redesigning schools and systems of schools that enable all students to reach high standards."

Dr. Carter plans to meet with New London Public Schools administrators, teachers, parent groups, community organizations and city politicians on July 2 and July 3.

“My slate is blank at this time. I need to meet with those groups to find out exactly what their perceptions and facts around New London Public Schools are and how we can work together to make it better,” Dr. Carter said.

Prior to 2001, Dr. Carter’s corporate responsibilities as a Chief Learning Officer and other professional assignments successfully spanned a 17-year period. This included employment with a number of large high technology and service sector corporations such as: Flextronics International, The Baan Company, IBM, Suez Lyonnaise des Eaux, Pacific Gas & Electric Company, and PepsiCo. At many of these organizations, Dr. Carter led major initiatives and management teams to transform Human Resources management into becoming both global and strategic entities.

“I am ecstatic about Dr. Carter’s appointment. I think this is going to be transformative for not only New London Public Schools, but for New London itself,” Board of Education member Scott Garbini said. “I know he will move the magnet concept forward and I think this is exactly what New London needs. It’s a great fit for our students, our community, and our parents. I think the board will have a great working relationship with Dr. Carter.”

Dr. Carter’s public education leadership experience began a decade ago when he served as Principal-In-Residence for Chicago’s Dodge Renaissance Academy. In 2005, he was named the Principal of Clara Barton Elementary School, which received the Illinois Academic Improvement Award – an award that recognizes schools with sustained upward trends in test scores for at least three years.

New London Education Association President Rich Baez is pleased with the committee’s unanimous selection. He was a member of the 12-person executive superintendent search committee and is also a fifth-grade teacher at Jennings Elementary School.

“The union looks forward to working alongside Dr. Carter, working toward improving student learning, teacher and support staff morale, and toward moving New London education in a new direction. My hope is that in working with Dr. Carter, that we bring New London into a new era of success, proving us to be what we already are: a great district with exceptional students and staff,” he said.

As the Director and Chief Academic Officer for AUSL for the past four years, Dr. Carter oversees a network of approximately 18,000 students attending 24 elementary schools and five high schools being turned around due to poor performance within the City of Chicago. He has also led the AUSL network through the transition to full implementation of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS).

“Those standards (CCSS) are our roadmap to having no excuses,” Dr. Carter said. “We have to get our children to achieve those standards. We have to use those standards to help our children reach their full potential. We can’t have excuses for any children to fail. Failure is not an option.”

Board of Education Chairwoman Margaret “Peg” Curtin said Dr. Carter is “the right person at the right time.”

“I find that his collaborative work ethic, his inclusiveness, and his knowledge of the budgetary process will benefit the district,” she said. “His past experiences will fit in very well with our district’s magnet approach, and I have confidence that you will see our schools turnaround under his guidance and leadership.”

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