GreatSchools.org Appoints a New Chief Executive Officer

Jon Deane will lead GreatSchools.org in supporting parents across the country

OAKLAND, Calif. (PRWEB) February 01, 2019 -- GreatSchools today announced education leader Jon Deane will become its new Chief Executive Officer. Jon will take charge at the nation’s leading nonprofit organization reaching America’s parents with essential information on education. Last year, over 43 million users came to GreatSchools.org to understand how schools are serving their children based on multiple measures of quality and for parenting support content to help guide the educational success of their child. Jon comes to GreatSchools after a long track-record as a leader in education innovation, most recently at the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, where he served as Director of Education.

“The GreatSchools’ board is thrilled to have Jon lead the organization. We are proud of the work we have done for the past 20 years empowering parents with the information they need to unlock educational opportunities for their children,” said Ann Fuell, chair of GreatSchools’ Board of Directors. “Jon’s extraordinary experience as an educator, school executive, technologist, and thought leader in education philanthropies will help us uphold and strengthen our mission of supporting all parents to find the right school for their child, take action in their communities to improve schools and support their child’s learning.”

GreatSchools holds a unique position in the education landscape with its unparalleled national reach and rich education data, including information on how schools are serving students equitably. Working with grassroots advocacy organizations, GreatSchools has introduced new measures of school quality that help parents take action to find the right school for their family and also help education advocates, work in their community toward improving educational opportunities for students who are at risk of being left behind. GreatSchools also offers the most comprehensive collection of original parenting content to support children's learning from preschool through 12th grade with information that helps with the day-to-day challenges of educating children in the 21st century.

“It is an honor to lead an organization that for 20 years has always been there for parents. Parents are our children’s first teachers and are dedicated to the potential of their child more than anyone else,” said Jon Deane. “Parents deserve to have the best information about their child’s education and what a great education should look like. GreatSchools is now an essential tool in a parent’s toolkit, and I am excited to work with its great team, its stakeholders, and its partners in supporting all of our nation’s parents in their most important and sometimes most difficult job.”

Jon started his career in business, building a foundation for his leadership in and service to innovative education organizations. His record of success began in the classroom as a high school math teacher and led to serving as principal and administrative leader of high performing schools in the San Francisco Bay Area. At the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Jon led work on innovative new school models and supporting evidence-based education improvement, developing a deep understanding and connection to what educational success can look like.

Jon holds a masters degree in education from Stanford University where he also earned an undergraduate degree in economics. He will begin as CEO of GreatSchools on April 1.

About GreatSchools
GreatSchools is the leading national nonprofit empowering parents with essential information to improve educational opportunities for their child. GreatSchools’ trusted ratings and school quality information help parents find the right school for their family and take action to improve schools in their communities. Thousands of articles, tips and interactive tools help parents support their child’s learning and well-being every day. Families, community leaders and policymakers turn to GreatSchools for the school information they need to guide children to great futures.
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