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The State Education Resource Center's (SERC) Board of Directors is excited to introduce you to its new Executive Director, Ingrid M. Canady. Ms. Canady's appointment is the culmination of a 4-month search process for executive leadership to guide the recently reorganized agency in fulfilling its legislative mandate to teachers and families of children with disabilities and its new mission and vision around educational equity and excellence.

In 2014, and after the retirement of Dr. Marianne Kirner, Ms. Canady was appointed Interim Executive Director by the Board established under guidance of newly amended legislation that also authorized SERC as the state's 12th *quasi-public agency*. During her tenure at SERC, she has also held the positions of Associate Director, Assistant Director for Program Development and Partnerships for Equity, Workforce Development Coordinator, and SERC Consultant. Prior to joining SERC she was an Education Services Specialist with the Bureau of Special Education in the CT State Department of Education. She began her education career as an Early Childhood teacher.

In her capacity as Interim Executive Director, Ingrid led the Board of Directors in aligning the agency's priorities and resources with its legislative responsibilities, mission and vision as established by the Board of Directors.

The Board is confident that she will lead the 45 year old agency by continuing to provide innovative leadership and marshalling effective partnerships to best meet its mandated responsibilities to families and teachers of children with disabilities, strengthening its valued relationship with the State Department of Education and, advancing its adopted mission and vision around excellence and equity for all children in Connecticut's schools.

I invite you to learn more about the *new SERC* by visiting its website: www.ctserc.org.

Thank you for your support of SERC. We look forward to our continued engagement in efforts to improve each student's educational experience and its impact on their lives.

Sincerely,

George A. Coleman

Interim Chairman, SERC Board of Directors

CC:

Ingrid M. Canady

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