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Richard Lemons Receives President’s Award from the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents

Hartford, CT - June 3, 2022 – Richard Lemons, the Executive Director of Partners for Educational Leadership, today was presented with the President’s Award by the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents (CAPSS).

The award is given annually by the President of CAPSS to an educational leader in Connecticut who personifies the mission of CAPSS - “To lead in the continuous improvement of public education for all students by advocating public policy for children and supporting executive school leaders.”

"It was my honor to recommend an exceptional educational leader like Dr. Lemons for the prestigious President's Award from CAPSS,” said Mark D. Benigni, Ed.D., Superintendent of Meriden Public Schools and the outgoing President of CAPSS. “For over a decade, Richard has been inspiring superintendents with practical leadership strategies, scholarly research, and a network of national leaders committed to making a difference for their students. I can't think of another individual who has had a bigger impact on school superintendents in our state."

Dr. Lemons has worked in education for over 30 years – as a teacher, change coach, researcher, policy advocate and adjunct professor at Yale. He holds master’s and doctorate degrees from the Harvard Graduate School of Education. He has been the Executive Director of Partners for Educational Leadership, formerly known as the Connecticut Center for School Change, since 2018.

“Richard Lemons is a visionary leader who works tirelessly to find creative and effective ways to support district leaders to accomplish great things for students,” said Frances Rabinowitz, Executive Director of CAPSS.
About CAPSS
The Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents (CAPSS) is an organization that represents all of the superintendents and leaders of public schools in Connecticut. CAPSS’ mission is to lead the continuous improvement of public education for all students by advocating public policy and developing and supporting executive school leaders. In short, it is committed to making sure schools in Connecticut are all they can be for our children.

About Partners for Educational Leadership
Partners for Educational Leadership is a non-profit organization with a mission to improve teaching and learning, to reduce achievement gaps, and to promote equity in schools. Partners for Educational Leadership supports comprehensive pre K-12 educational reform through a system-wide, integrated approach focused on improving instructional practice and developing leadership at all levels, from parents to superintendents.