

## **Management Council of the Ohio Education Computing Network to appoint Geoffrey G. Andrews as Chief Executive Officer**

The Board of Trustees announces that Geoffrey Andrews has been hired as the new CEO of the Management Council of the Ohio Education Computing Network. Cited by Converge Magazine as one of America's "Shapers of the Future," Andrews has strong roots in technology and educational leadership. Over the past three decades, Andrews has worked in leadership and technology roles primarily in Ohio, as well as in Pennsylvania and in China. Most recently this work included a series of technology-based innovations developing 21<sup>st</sup> century classrooms in school districts and the TCCSA Information Technology Center in Wayne County.

"We are very pleased to hire a CEO with such a broad background in technology and educational leadership" said Jimmy Battrell, the president of the MCOECN Board of Trustees. "He emerged from a competitive field of very qualified and well vetted candidates, and we are looking forward to his leadership in this position."

"I am delighted to be joining such a robust organization," Andrews noted. "The Board, the Management Council, and the OECN have long served a vital role in leveraging technology to support administrative and educational endeavors in Ohio's schools. I am very humbled and enthusiastic to begin this appointment at the intersection of education, technology and leadership. Across the many organizations and communities committed to the students of Ohio, I foresee great opportunities for us to engage each other and collaborate, utilizing technology and partnerships to truly move the needle on student achievement and administrative efficiency."

In the role of superintendent, Andrews served the Oberlin City School District for five and a half years, overseeing a transformative period during which Oberlin became the first district in the state and one of a few in the nation to be authorized to offer the full pantheon of International Baccalaureate programs from PreK-12. As part of the renaissance in that district, district ratings and college acceptances both soared to top levels. That led to Andrews being recruited to run an international school (the Western Academy of Beijing) in Beijing, China. Under his leadership, WAB was recognized by Apple as one of eight Distinguished Schools across all of Asia for their creative implementation of technology in education, and WAB's international school "report card" – the Endicott Research report – rose dramatically.

Prior to his tenure at Oberlin, Andrews led an array of technology initiatives in his roles at Polaris Career Center, where he was hired as Technology Director and later became Assistant Superintendent. While there he founded the Instruction, Learning and Technology Leadership Institute, which worked to train hundreds of teachers to leverage technology as a catalyst to improve learning. That Institute was the launchpad to statewide and national collaboratives, winning over \$20M in competitive grants that were used to train over 10,000 teachers in Cleveland, Miami, Phoenix, Columbus, Cincinnati, Akron in the unique and compelling aspects of technology in education. He also led the development of software that improved access and functionality for users of financial and student administrative software.

Andrews came to Ohio in 1991 as a trailing spouse and began working as the Technology Director in Chagrin Falls, where he collaborated with district and community to create and implement a prescient vision of a network to serve schools. Prior to Chagrin, he had worked as a project manager, software engineer, and database programmer in industry, and had taught mathematics and computer science in the Philadelphia area.

He has been active in multiple educational and technical associations, and worked at the state level on several key committees dealing with leadership, technology, and education. He has been an invited speaker at more than 100 conferences and events over his career across North America and Asia, including delivering keynote addresses at the Chinese National Education Reform Conference and the Ohio Educational Technology Conference.

Andrews grew up in Ohio and attended the Oberlin public schools. He graduated with honors from Dartmouth College where he studied mathematics and economics, and received a master's degree in computer science from Villanova University. He earned Ohio Superintendent licensure through Ashland University. Andrews has been appointed to a three-year contract that will officially begin on August 1, 2015.