

Concentric Educational Solutions Expands Leadership to Support Anticipated Growth in 2024

Educational Support Company Names Dr. Starletta Jackson as the Chief of Schools to Maximize the Impact of the Mentoring and Tutoring Components of Concentric's Student Support Framework

BALTIMORE, MD – <u>Concentric Educational Solutions</u> (CES), an educational support company whose mission is to support students, families, and schools by identifying barriers that negatively impact education and provide resources and services to improve student outcomes, announces Dr. Starletta Jackson as the Chief of Schools, to spearhead the rapidly growing mentoring and tutoring programs to reach more students.

Starletta Jackson has been working as an Instructional Leadership Executive Director at Baltimore City Public Schools for 13 years where she demonstrated exceptional leadership by successfully supervising and supporting the Community Learning Network. Fueled by an unwavering passion for creating a supportive learning environment, Dr. Jackson has started a new role as Chief of Schools at Concentric Educational Solutions, starting in August 2023.

During the 2022-2023 school year, more than 40,000 tutoring sessions took place to serve approximately 3,000 students. Student participation was recorded at a remarkably high 90.63%. In the coming school year and under Dr. Jackson's leadership, the company's goal is to serve 25,000 students, provide 75,000 tutoring sessions and drive 95% to participate.

"With our tutoring program, we utilize the baseline diagnostic data of the students to gain a deeper understanding of where they are academically and monitor their progression as they work to where they need to be," said Dr. David Heiber, CEO of Concentric Educational Solutions. "In conjunction with the tutoring, we also provide academic coaching to help students overcome any barriers to their academic success. Dr. Starletta Jackson's exceptional dedication to educational excellence and unwavering commitment to the success of children and families make her an invaluable asset in shaping the future of education for generations to come."

Concentric meets with schools to develop a holistic approach to students' education by combining home visits, mentoring, and tutoring through their Student Support Framework. Through tutoring and mentoring, Professional Student Advocates (PSAs) strengthen subject matter comprehension, boost confidence, and build essential learning skills.

"In working with Baltimore City Schools' students in the roles of a teacher, principal, and executive director, I have become very attuned to recognizing what students need and implementing the best practices to help them grow academically," said Dr. Starletta Jackson, Chief of Schools for Concentric Educational Solutions. "I appreciate that Concentric utilizes a holistic approach putting the student at the center of the education journey, as I too believe the best way to serve children is to shape programs around how to meet their needs. I've known of Concentric since its inception in 2010 and feel privileged to work alongside Dr. Heiber and his team to address learning gaps with effective tools that help students excel and support their growth in the classroom. This work is vital because teachers today are beyond stretched thin and providing additional support through tutoring and mentoring can make a difference."

ABOUT CONCENTRIC EDUCATIONAL SOLUTIONS

Concentric Educational Solutions (CES) was founded with the mission to support students, families, and schools by identifying barriers that negatively impact education and providing resources and services to improve student outcomes. Currently, Concentric Educational Solutions provides home visits, mentoring, tutoring, professional development, school culture and climate, student support services, technical assistance, multi-tier system of support (MTSS) system development, as well as social and emotional learning.

Concentric Educational Solutions (CES) partners with schools and school districts to assess the situation and determine a course of action for implementing sustainable change. Addressing the four components (Organizational and Leadership Development, School Culture and Climate, Student Support Services, and Special Education Support) with a focus on student achievement, Concentricity applies a structured process for tracking and evaluating improvements quickly while leveraging the existing supports within an organization at every level.

Founded and led by Dr. David Heiber, Concentric Educational Solutions was one of the first Black American-led organizations to receive funding from NewSchools Venture Fund. Under Dr. Heiber's leadership, CES has been recognized for its innovative approach that places students at the center of school phenomenon. Dr. Heiber and his team have partnered with over 300 schools in 20 states. For more information, visit www.concentriced.org.

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