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**Catalyst for Educational Change Announces the Appointment of Three New Board Members**

*New board members bring deep understanding of education market and large-scale change management to the table.*

**CHICAGO (December 13, 2022)** — Chicago, Ill.-based Catalyst for Educational Change (CEC), a consulting agency working with educational systems throughout the country, announced today the appointment of three new members to the board of directors.

New board members Vincent R. De Lucia, Ray Gaer, and Jasmine Jourjy, have deep experience in school leadership and strategy. De Lucia is Educator in Residence at NJ School Boards Association; Gaer serves as President, ABC Federation of Teachers; and Jourjy is the Technology, Media, and Telecommunications Practice Director with PricewaterhouseCoopers.

These three join existing board members, bringing the total number of board members to six.

- Mical Jeanlys-White, Founder, CEO, WealthMore
- Andrea Walker, Associate Director, Strategy, National Education Association
- Danny Woestman, Superintendent of Schools, Warren Township High School District 121

“Ray, Jasmine, and Vincent offer great perspective to our commitment to continuous improvement and ensuring the voice of all stakeholders in decision-making,” said Executive Director Shelley Taylor. “CEC feels strongly about the need for collective solutions and innovation in our schools and having board members who understand our mission is critical to our success and our children’s futures.”

Each of these new board members bring an average of 20 years of experience in management strategy as well as education including classroom, union, and leadership. Their passion for education service has guided their professional paths and led them to an overall alignment with CEC’s mission and vision.

“To be able to serve Catalyst for Educational Change and the education industry as a whole is deeply rewarding,” said Jasmine Jourjy. “The potential impact we can have on learners is limitless.”



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“I’m thrilled at what I’ve seen the agency accomplish in recent years. I look forward to having the opportunity to provide further support for practitioners in today’s schools” Ray Gaer offered.

“From supporting districts with strategic planning to coaching principals and classroom teachers, Catalyst for Educational Change is making a difference and I can’t wait to be part of it,” said Vincent R. De Lucia.

The agency was recently awarded the status of learning partner by the Illinois State Board of Education to Illinois Schools as part of the IL-EMPOWER System of Support for School Improvement. CEC has served Illinois Schools through this program since 2018 and will continue to offer data-informed school improvement, working relationships and conflict resolution, curriculum and assessment systems, and inclusion and co-teaching practices.

Learn more about these board members and CEC at [cecweb.org/about-cec/cec-board-of-directors/](https://cecweb.org/about-cec/cec-board-of-directors/).

### About Catalyst for Educational Change

Chicago, Ill.-based Catalyst for Educational Change (CEC) is a national, not-for-profit, consulting agency working with educational systems throughout the country. Since its founding in 1987, the mission is to be the catalyst for collective solutions and innovation in more educational environments. CEC (formerly Consortium for Educational Change) works with networks, partners, and education leaders to build internal capacity, create better outcomes, communicate with leadership, and re-think our children’s futures. For more information, visit [cecweb.org](https://cecweb.org).

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#### Photo caption:

Headshots of Ray Gaer (left), Jasmine Jourjy (center), Vincent R. De Lucia (right)

