



International Center for Leadership in Education

Rigor, Relevance, and Relationships for ALL Students

Statement from Sue Gendron, President, International Center for Leadership in Education (ICLE), on the Recent Hire of New Milford High School Principal Eric Sheninger as a Senior Fellow:

At the International Center for Leadership in Education, our Senior Fellows are proven thought leaders, individuals who not only identify upcoming urgent needs in education, but also have a track record of forming original, practical and impactful solutions. Further, they can articulate solutions in an inspiring way, giving school leaders and educators the ability to execute changes with the understanding of how and why. As principal of New Milford High School, Eric Sheninger quickly emerged as a thought leader as he helped transform the school into a model for how technology can be used to transform teaching, learning and community engagement. We couldn't be more pleased that he will be joining ICLE as Senior Fellow in charge of Digital Leadership solutions starting September 4th.

Eric acknowledged early on that we live in a digital era and that our children will grow into and enter a world of professions and technologies we have yet to dream of. With his school's teachers and community, he started asking: How do we use technology in smart ways to inform instruction, engage students and families, adapt curriculum all while not losing rigor, relevance and the important student to teacher connection? The resulting outcomes were numerous, multi-faceted and impressive. From launching one of the first Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) initiatives in New Jersey, to breaking down communication barriers with the local community through social media, Eric and his team tackled and navigated many of the challenges schools throughout the country face as they grapple with how to prepare our nation's students for college and careers.

Proving how vital his learnings are, Eric has become a sought after speaker in schools and large conferences both in the U.S. and internationally, has grown an impressive and engaged following on social media and his blog, as well as become an accomplished author most recently publishing "Digital Leadership: Changing Paradigms for Changing Times". In his new role, Eric will now be able to share this wealth of experience with educators across the country by creating practitioner-driven, professional learning solutions that transform schools.

With a longstanding history of partnering with schools, we at ICLE understand the importance of providing whole school solutions and that integrating technology is now an inherent part of that process. We are confident that Eric will continue to bring cutting-edge ideas and strong leadership to each school we work with in his new role.

