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SEARCH GROUP PARTNERS NAMED AS SEARCH FIRM TO ASSIST IN THE SEARCH FOR THE STATE OF UTAH'S NEW SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Connie Linardakis-Spyropoulos, Managing Director, Executive Practice, will lead the search.

SALT LAKE CITY, July 15, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- Executive search firm SEARCH Group Partners (SGP) has been retained by the Utah State Board of Education to lead in its search for a new State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Dr. Martell Menlove, the current State Superintendent, announced his retirement in March. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction oversees a staff of nearly 1,100 employees and is responsible for the distribution of more than \$3 billion to district and charter schools.

As the principal executive officer of the State Board of Education, the Superintendent directs the work of the Utah State Office of Education and assists the State Board of Education in oversight of the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation and the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind. The State Superintendent acts as the liaison to the Governor, State Legislature, and other stakeholders on behalf of the State Board of Education.

"The work of the next State Superintendent will affect the lives of hundreds of thousands of Utah students. One of our most important responsibilities as a Board of Education is in hiring a new superintendent," said State Board Member Jefferson Moss, who chairs the Superintendent Search Committee. "We are pleased to engage the services of SEARCH Group Partners to help us conduct an expert, nationwide search for this crucial position. SEARCH Group Partners will conduct vital work in helping us to broaden the pool of quality candidates and in ensuring we find the very best person for this job."

SEARCH Group Partners' initial search is expected to take approximately six-eight weeks, after which it will turn over to the Board of Education the names of at least six qualified candidates who will be reviewed in addition to others who have also applied. Connie Linardakis-Spyropoulos, who spearheads SGP's Executive Search practice, and who will lead the search, said, "We are honored to be awarded this critical search for the State. This role impacts some of the most essential facets of our community, school system and children. We will be conducting a wide-ranging search to recruit the absolute best candidate for this opportunity."

Interested candidates should contact Connie Linardakis-Spyropoulos, Managing Director/SEARCH Group Partners at 801.407.5877 or connie@searchgrouppartners.com .

About SEARCH Group Partners

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