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Center for Charter Schools Begins Leadership Transition ***Cindy Schumacher Announces Retirement from*** ***Central Michigan University after 28 Years of Service***

MT. PLEASANT, MI — The Governor John Engler Center for Charter Schools will see a transition in its leadership team this winter following the announcement from Cindy Schumacher, the Center’s executive director, of her upcoming retirement.

“My decision was difficult because of my love for education and working together to provide opportunities for students,” said Schumacher of her choice to retire. “However, I am excited to begin this new chapter in my life after serving CMU for 28 years, 18 of them at the Center. I am proud of what we have accomplished in that time and know that the Center’s legacy of leadership in charter authorizing will continue on into the future.”

Corey Northrop, one of the Center’s deputy directors, has been named interim executive director. He has been a champion for providing educational options to families during his service at the Center over the past 10 years. He began his career at the Center as the director of fiscal performance and accountability and currently oversees new school development. “I am confident that Corey will continue to build on the momentum and great work we are doing here at the Center,” Schumacher added.

Northrop is looking forward to serving in his new role. “I am honored to lead an organization that has a history of setting the standard in charter authorizing,” said Northrop. “We will continue to live our mission every day of transforming public education and ensuring all students have access to a quality education.”

Northrop will begin serving as interim executive director on December 11, 2017, and will continue in the role for the next year. To ensure a seamless transition, Schumacher will continue in an advisory role through spring 2018.

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CMU, the first university authorizer of charter public schools, is a state and national leader in the charter school movement, with over 20 years of experience launching, supporting and overseeing charter public schools. CMU created The Governor John Engler Center for Charter Schools to support the schools it charters. The University currently authorizes 57 schools serving more than 28,000 students throughout the state. For more information, please visit www.TheCenterForCharters.org.