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AGORA CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL ANNOUNCES MAJOR CHANGES TO MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE, INSTRUCTIONAL MODEL AND CURRICULUM OFFERINGS

New Administrative Team Set to Lead the Agora NextGen Team Starting July 1

WAYNE, PA (June 2, 2015) – As it looks forward to its charter renewal and tenth anniversary, Agora Cyber Charter School announced several major changes at Monday’s Board of Trustees meeting. Building on the August 2014 vote to become self-managed after a long-term relationship with K-12 Inc., Agora has developed a strategic plan and established a transition team to lead the school.

“It is an exciting time for Agora as we look forward to entering our second decade of serving Pennsylvania families,” said Board President Mary Steffey. “We have achieved our goal to become more autonomous and to control our own destiny. Self-management of our school, however, is only the first step. We will continue to provide an intense, rigorous, online educational program for all of our students.”

With input from parents, staff and external partners, the Strategic Three-Year Plan turns the school into a 21st century powerhouse in cyber education. Agora will be a “Google Apps for Education School” and offer a suite of products to increase collaboration between students and teachers. This partnership gives Agora’s students and staff access to leading technology tools, along with the ability to customize the online tools to fit their learning needs.

Key Administrative Changes

To lead the administrative efforts of the school, Agora has tapped **Kevin M. Corcoran**, currently Agora’s Assistant Head of School, to be the Chief Executive Officer beginning July 1. At Agora in various positions since 2006, Corcoran has led all aspects of the day-to-day administrative and

operational activities of the school. In addition, he has served 16 years with the United States Naval Reserve, most recently as a Commanding Officer and with deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. Beyond his professional positions, Corcoran has worked with young people for more than 20 years as a Big Brother, mentor and youth coach. He has an MBA and Master of Public Policy degree from Duke University and a BS in Finance from Villanova University.

Paul DeAngelo joined Agora on October 1, 2014 as the Liaison Financial Officer and has been promoted to Chief Financial Officer effective July 1. Having worked in both the private and public financial sectors for the past 25 years, DeAngelo is responsible for Agora's financial, human resources and operations functions. Father of five and a youth coach, he has served on Holy Family University's internship board for development and placement of students in the workplace. With a BA in Accounting from Holy Family University and MBA in Finance from LaSalle University, DeAngelo is pursuing his doctorate in Education Leadership at St. Joseph's University.

More Choices in Curriculum

Agora values its long-term relationship with K-12 Inc. and will continue to offer their curriculum as a choice for its students. Additionally, Agora is developing *Agora NextGen*, a leading edge, research-based curriculum that creates an individualized learning experience for each student. This personalized model for instruction, intervention and advancement is formed by each student's performance as they work through lessons and complete assignments. Understanding that some students are more engaged visually, while others learn best through hands-on activity, *Agora NextGen* is tailored for different learning styles. By assessing each student's depth of understanding and achievement frequently, teachers can use *Agora NextGen's* built-in support to address the needs of all levels of learners.

Improved Technology

With financing from PNC Bank, Agora will be providing a new student welcome kit to all returning and new students starting in July. Each student, from kindergarten through 12th grade, enrolled for this summer's Summer School session as well as the 2015-16 School Year will receive a new Dell 3340 Laptop computer, Logitech Headphones, and a logo-embroidered backpack; and each household will also receive an HP Laser Jet All-in-One printer. A dedicated technical team will provide students, parents and staff technology support from GDC.

With more than 1,000 students graduating this June, Agora is proving that its graduates are prepared for college or military service as well as working in a technology-enhanced world.

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Agora Cyber Charter School is a tuition-free public virtual charter school serving approximately 10,000 Pennsylvania students in Kindergarten through 12th grade under the authorization of the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Agora Cyber Charter School inspires students to reach their highest levels of academic achievement that complements their learning style. Through an individualized learning plan using an innovative content delivery system, the proprietary *Agora NextGen* curriculum is driven by personalization, performance and early intervention. For additional information call 844-GO-AGORA or visit www.Agora.org.