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## BERNSTEIN ANNOUNCED AS ASCD EMERGING LEADER ALUMNI AFFILIATE SECRETARY

### Veteran Educator Dedicated to Fostering Education Leadership

Farmington, August 28, 2020 – ELASCD is an ASCD affiliate dedicated to building and fostering leadership capacity of emerged leaders after the initial two year cohort period. The ASCD Emerging Leader Alumni Affiliate is pleased to announce Eric Bernstein as the new Secretary. Bernstein, an education leader and active Emerging Leader, brings 20 years of education background to the role. Bernstein was elected by member vote to the position of Secretary and will assume the office October 1, 2020.

“As educational practitioners, it imperative to remember we are in this work together, especially in this unprecedented pandemic and in light of the racial injustice that remains pervasive in our society. I am committed to assisting and creating opportunities for other ASCD Emerging Leaders to grow and develop their leadership capacity and in fostering their support of one another in these challenging times. I am honored to be given the unique opportunity to partner with novice and veteran Emerging Leaders alike to ultimately ensure ALL students are Healthy, Safe, Engaged, Supported, and Challenged,” explains Bernstein. “ASCD Emerging Leaders are making an impact, and we want to continue to empower these leaders as they change the educational narrative.” The goal of the Emerging Leader Alumni Affiliate is to extend a network of support and opportunity for emerged leaders, leverage areas of expertise to strengthen ASCD’s areas of focus, and to support existing local affiliates while building leadership capacity for affiliate members. Dedicated graduates have been informally creating strategic networks through emerging leader connections, but ELASCD hopes to formalize and reinforce these efforts.

Dr. Eric Bernstein is an Assistant Professor of Educational Leadership at UConn's Neag School of Education and the Interim Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the UConn School of Dental Medicine. He specializes in principal preparation, pre-professional education, ethics and social justice. He continues to have a leadership role in a project on educational leadership simulation at the Penn Graduate School of Education. Prior to higher education, Eric was a middle and high school principal in Hartford, Connecticut, and a middle school math and social studies teacher. Eric was selected as an ASCD Emerging Leader in 2012, and has since served within the organization as a Student Chapter Advisor. In addition to ASCD, Eric is also actively involved in other education organizations.

The current ELASCD board is comprised of Meghan Everette, Executive Director; Tamera Musiowsky, President; Basil Marin, President-Elect; Michele Ogden, Secretary; Christina Yuknis, Treasurer; Fred Ende, Member-at-Large; Jason Flom, Member-at-Large; Jenn Orr, Member-at-Large.

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