

POSITION AVAILABLE: Executive Director, Summit Education Initiative

Summit Education Initiative (SEI), founded in 1997 in Akron, Ohio, is a 501c3 nonprofit organization dedicated to improving education for all children, preschool through college (P-16) in Summit County. SEI's Board of Trustees has recently completed a new strategic plan, including critical input from key community stakeholders.

The new **Executive Director** will possess the educational expertise required to lead an organization focused on convening and supporting education stakeholders, to affect systemic change for educational excellence for all children in Summit County. The following outlines the requirements of the position:

Minimum Requirements:

- Masters degree or higher in relevant [preferred] fields of education, business management, or nonprofit management; Ten or more years of educational or related business management;
- Demonstrated leadership of a professional team managing their work to specified performance goals and measured outcomes;
- Active membership or involvement in a statewide, regional or national network of education-oriented professionals working to affect systemic outcomes;
- An understanding of Ohio's school finance system and school district funding challenges;
- Demonstrated inclusion or embrace of diversity;
- Fundraising knowledge and experience; Understanding of the need for long-term revenue sustainability and direct development experience;
- Marketing communications and public relations capacity. Excellent written and verbal communication skills;
- Must reside in or relocate to Summit County, Ohio.

Broad Objectives and Immediate Duties (6-12 months):

- Align overall operations with strategy as a major force for change leading to educational excellence for all children in Summit County;
- Refine the current P-16 Council including expanded membership;
- Build strong relationships with senior school administrators and business community;
- Engage local educators and administrators, and use objective data and national best practices to drive priorities, problem-solving and participation;
- Identify high-level resources available to implement solutions including financial and human supports to achieve systemic educational improvement throughout the county;
- Improve web presence as an ongoing communication mechanism to publicize key results/relevant educational metrics to stakeholders;
- Establish SEI as *the* source for leadership in achieving educational improvement across Summit County.

SEI is an equal opportunity employer with a complete benefits package including health and retirement, and a salary offered commensurate with your experience. If you believe this position description fits your expertise and professional interest, please submit your resume with cover email/letter (no CV please) **by August 16, 2010**, to:

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