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ERDI CANADA ADDS TO THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

TORONTO, ONT, SEPTEMBER 15TH, 2009: Michael D. Lee the CEO of ERDI is pleased to announce, on behalf of the ERDI team, a change in the senior ERDI administrative structure.

Effective January 1st, 2010:

Chris Kelly will become President – Corporate Development and Education.

Bill Hogarth will become President – Corporate Development and Planning

Chris Kelly is the newly retired Superintendent of Schools for the Vancouver Board of Education. Bill Hogarth, Director of the York Region District Board, has announced his retirement for December 2009 after which he will join ERDI in his new position. Mr. Kelly and Mr. Hogarth are both recognized as experienced educators, senior administrators and educational leaders.

Over the course of thirty-three years, Chris Kelly has served in four school districts in the Lower Mainland of British Columbia; as Superintendent of Schools / CEO in two of those, Richmond and Vancouver. In addition to the positions he has held locally, he has been President of the British Columbia School Superintendents' Association, and President of the Canadian Education Association. He is currently a Director with the Vancouver Board of Trade.

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Mr. Hogarth has been Director of the York Region District School Board for the past 16 years and an educator for the past 39 years. As Director of Education, Bill Hogarth's leadership has been instrumental in moving the York Region District School Board from a narrow internal focus to a robust, continually evolving and sophisticated organization that advocates not only for York Region students, but for public education as a cornerstone of all healthy communities. Bill has been active in provincial and national roles and received the 2007 Learning Partnership Tribute Award as Champion of Public Education in Canada

Mr. Kelly has been an Education Partner in ERDI since its inception in 1995, while Mr. Hogarth joined one year later. These two appointments signify an increased emphasis by ERDI on demonstrating leadership and pursuing innovation in a changing education environment.

ERDI provides education leaders in Canada a vital vehicle for helping to influence the quality and availability of resources and services for Boards of Education across the country.

The meaningful dialogue that ERDI facilitates between business leaders and the chief executive officers of key school districts results in better products, resources and services to help our students achieve their potential in a changing world. ERDI is a strong national organization that has a direct positive effect on students, K-12, across the country.

These two appointments will ensure that ERDI continues to have a positive impact on Canadian education, and remain a strong national voice to the benefit of students and educators across the country.

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