

U.S. DOE Program Manager, Jenelle Leonard, is Appointed to Classroom Connect's Board of Advisors

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Classroom Connect, Inc. today announced the addition of Jenelle Leonard, program manager for the U.S. Department of Education's Technology Innovation Challenge Grant Program, to its Board of Advisors. In her current role with the Department of Education, Leonard develops national guidelines and policies, reviews and issues grants, and monitors and evaluates programs.

Leonard joins Peter Grunwald, president of Grunwald Associates; Mary Kohl, a kindergarten teacher and Classroom Connect's Internet Educator of the Year 2001; Colleen Wilcox, Santa Clara California County's superintendent of schools; John Gage, chief researcher and director of the Science Office for Sun Microsystems; Elliot Soloway, University of Michigan professor and executive editor of Interactive Learning Environments; Dr. David Thornburg, senior fellow of the Congressional Institute for the Future and award-winning author; and John Vaille, Ed.D., director of DCP applications at the Digital California Project (DCP) for the Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California (CENIC).

Classroom Connect also announced today that Dr. Linda Roberts, the former director of the Office of Educational Technology for the federal Department of Education, will move from the company's Board of Directors to its Board of Advisors following the purchase of Classroom Connect by Harcourt Education and the dissolution of its Board of Directors.

"We are thrilled to have someone with Jenelle's knowledge of technology issues in education serve on our board of advisors," said Judith Hamilton, president and CEO of Classroom Connect. "She brings to the board of advisors unique insight into the challenges schools face and can help provide direction for our future product development."

Leonard has had a significant career in education technology including positions at the District of Columbia Public Schools, The Texas Education Agency, and Prince William County Public Schools in Manassas, Virginia.

In addition to her role as program manager for the Technology Innovation Challenge Grant Program, Leonard has been an Expert Consultant for the U. S. Department of Education's Office of Educational Technology. Her responsibilities included providing advice to the Deputy Secretary, Director of Office of Educational Technology, and other senior U.S. Department of Education personnel on issues related to development and implementation of technology initiatives and national goals.

About Classroom Connect

Classroom Connect, Inc., a business unit within Harcourt Inc., is a leading provider of professional learning and classroom learning resources that foster successful use of the

Internet in K-12 education. Headquartered in Brisbane, CA, with offices in El Segundo, CA, Minneapolis, MN and Abilene, TX, Classroom Connect has more than 170 employees. Its primary product brands include: Connected University(TM) (online professional development); Classroom Today(TM) (online classroom curriculum); The Quest Channel(TM) (online adventure learning expeditions); Connected Conferences(TM) (live, nationwide events); Connected Workshops(TM) (on-site seminars); and Classroom Connect Newsletter(TM) (monthly Internet education journal). Its partners include some of the nation's most respected organizations, including the American Museum of Natural History, the Library of Congress and NASA. For more information about Classroom Connect, visit the company's Web site at www.classroom.com.

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