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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Two Transformative Educational Non-Profits Join Forces to Improve Educational Equity and Excellence**

The Center for Leadership and Educational Equity (CLEE) and the School Reform Initiative (SRI) announced today that they are entering into an agreement for CLEE to acquire SRI. This will expand CLEE's capability to help educators create transformational learning that unleashes the unlimited potential of each and every student.

"This acquisition will allow CLEE to realize our vision of being a world-class leader in professional learning that deeply impacts educational equity", said Donna Braun, Executive Director of CLEE. "We are excited to work closely with the SRI community, sharing innovations in practices to meet the current and future needs of students and educators. SRI's assets will allow CLEE to provide access to our programs and services to a national and international audience of educators who are dedicated to increasing educational equity, as well as strengthen CLEE's programming and research in collaboration with the SRI community. The acquisition, coupled with the multi-year, multi-million grant recently awarded by the U.S. Department of Education's SEED program, positions CLEE at the forefront of supporting educational equity leaders on a national scale."

Lisa Kuh, Board Chair of SRI said, "With this agreement, SRI's legacy and the decades-long work of dedicated educators will be safely shepherded into the future. It also ensures access to the concepts, ideas, and transformational learning practices, as well as the tools and facilitation protocols hundreds of thousands of educators rely on."

The acquisition is expected to be complete by the end of 2022. Donna Braun, Executive Director of CLEE, the CLEE Board, and CLEE staff will continue to lead the organization and welcomes SRI's National Office Manager, Chris Jones to the CLEE team. CLEE encourages all SRI community members to contribute and participate in the highly collaborative, shared leadership of the organization.



Center for Leadership & Educational Equity



### **About CLEE**

CLEE was formed in 2010 to scale the work of key equity-focused leadership development programs, including a residency-based principal preparation program. While their work has been concentrated in southern New England, in recent years they have expanded to support the needs of school districts across the country. SRI's work and community influenced a great deal of the programming and practices that CLEE has developed, researched, and proven impactful to equitable student learning outcomes.

### **About SRI**

For over 11 years, SRI has worked with educators and students throughout the United States and internationally, serving thousands of educators and over a million students, and developing a community and network of educators, leaders, researchers, and activists who are impassioned by this work. While SRI was founded in 2008, the work and community evolved from its inception at the Brown University Annenberg Institute for School Reform in 1994. Their mission to create transformational learning communities fiercely committed to educational equity and excellence has supported scores of educators to create learning communities, build collective understanding, and drive school improvement.

The CLEE- SRI acquisition has been greatly enhanced by the support of the SeaChange-Lodestar Fund for Nonprofit Collaboration.

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