

MEDIA ALERT



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AIU Hires Richard Platts, CETL, as Chief Technology Officer

PITTSBURGH – June 29, 2021 - The Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) is pleased to announce that Mr. Richard Platts, CETL, has been named as the organization’s new Chief Technology Officer. He will serve as a member of the Executive Leadership Team and will be responsible for the implementation of meaningful, high-quality, cost-effective technology services to serve internal and external stakeholders. His appointment was approved by the AIU’s Board of Directors at its June 28 board meeting. Mr. Platts is scheduled to start in August.

Mr. Platts is the former director of technology and innovation at North Allegheny School District where he focused on supporting student learning and efficient district operations by leveraging technology in support of the district’s mission. In addition, he was responsible for all systems and infrastructure within the district’s schools and cyber academy. He also served as the director of technology at South Park School District, and as a teacher and instructional technology specialist at Upper St. Clair School District. Mr. Platts holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the University of Pittsburgh, and an additional master’s degree from Carnegie Mellon University in public management.

Dr. Robert Scherrer, the AIU’s executive director, said that Mr. Platts will help the organization move forward as it implements a new strategic plan.

“The effective use of technology is critical for any organization, especially for those in education. His experience as an educator and technology director will enable us to deliver leading-edge services both internally and to the districts we serve. We are very much looking forward to Mr. Platts joining our executive team,” he said.

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An educational service agency, the Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) is part of Pennsylvania’s public education system and serves schools, children, youth and families in suburban Allegheny County. Among the largest of the state’s 29 intermediate units, the AIU employs about 1,200 individuals and has an annual budget exceeding \$150 million.