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## CONVERGENCE ANNOUNCES NEXT CHAPTER FOR EDUCATION REIMAGINED

Convergence Center for Policy Resolution announces today that Education Reimagined, a Convergence initiative launched three years ago, will spin off into a new organization beginning January 1, 2019. Building on their track record of success, Education Reimagined is poised to expand its leadership role as a fully independent organization, advancing the learner-centered education movement in the United States.

Robert J. Fersh, the President and Founder of Convergence, along with Education Reimagined Executive Director Kelly Young released the following statements.

“Education Reimagined brought an incredibly diverse and influential group of stakeholders together who generated ideas that created an enduring vision for the future of learning,” said Robert J. Fersh. “They have galvanized support for their shared vision and created lasting change in how people work together. We are thrilled that Convergence’s values of honoring diverse perspectives and building trusting relationships will continue to serve as the foundation for the new organization.”

“Education Reimagined is excited to take a bold step forward in fulfilling the vision for learner-centered education in the U.S. to ignite the full power and potential of every child,” said Kelly Young. “Our work is to catalyze a wave of transformation by emboldening and connecting the leaders already at work creating the future of education in and out of schools across the country.”

“Education Reimagined is evidence of the power of Convergence’s work, demonstrating that genuine dialogue among people, even those with deeply held, disparate views, can spark creative action,” added Young. “This dialogue, involving charter school advocates, union leaders, teachers and business leaders, followed by an almost three-year incubation period under Convergence’s auspices is the reason we are here today.”

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### About Convergence

*Convergence is a national non-profit that convenes leaders with diverse or conflicting views to build trust, identify solutions, and form alliances for action on critical issues of public concern. It achieves outcomes through structured, facilitated dialogue and long-term relationship building, shifting the focus from winning the debate to collectively seeking solutions. Convergence is addressing a broad range of issues including education, health care reform, poverty and economic mobility, incarceration, and the federal budget process.*

### About Education Reimagined

*Education Reimagined is committed to accelerating the growth and impact of the learner-centered movement across the country by: sharing our learner-centered vision, empowering and connecting leaders inventing the future of education across the country, and amplifying the work of those pioneers. Education Reimagined was launched out of an 18-month, Convergence-led dialogue among twenty-eight ideologically diverse education stakeholders to reimagine education. They emerged with “A Transformational Vision for Education in the US” that celebrates the wonder, creativity and endless imagination of every child and honors the gifts and contributions of adults both in and out of the education system. Committed to making the vision a reality, the stakeholders launched Education Reimagined as an initiative of Convergence in September 2015.*