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Rodel Foundation Announces Sixteen Rodel Teacher Council Members

WILMINGTON, DE— The Rodel Foundation of Delaware is pleased to announce sixteen exemplary teachers who will serve as members of the Rodel Teacher Council. Each of these educators applied through a competitive process and was interviewed by a panel of Rodel staff, district administrators, and state education leaders. The council includes a variety of teacher voices; members come from all three counties; represent different grade levels, and bring leadership perspectives including union representatives, state policy committee advisors, and teachers of the year.

The goal of the Rodel Teacher Council is to provide a venue for teachers to weigh-in on important issues that affect the work of educators and help set the course for future education reforms throughout the state of Delaware that focus on personalized learning. Council members will advise the Rodel Foundation on critical education reform initiatives, meet with key education stakeholders, visit exemplary schools where innovation is transforming instruction, and help to scale these best practices on instruction and innovation throughout the state.

The sixteen Rodel Teacher Council Members are:

Timothy Brewer	St. Georges Technical High School	New Castle County Vocational Technical School District
Patricia Dallas	Richardson Park Learning Center	Red Clay Consolidated School District
Peter Demyan	Brandywine High School	Brandywine School District
Sharon G. Hardnett	Concord High School	Brandywine School District
Jennifer Hollstein	Charter School of Wilmington	Red Clay Consolidated School District/Charter School
Robyn Howton	Mount Pleasant High School	Brandywine School District
Michele Johnson	Towne Point Elementary School	Capital School District
Jennifer Lougheed	Georgetown Middle School	Indian River School District
Michelle Morton	McKean High School	Red Clay Consolidated School District
Corryn Nikodemski	W.T. Chipman Middle School	Lake Forest School District
Kathleen Olenderski	Alfred G. Waters Middle School	Appoquinimink School District
Paul Ramirez	Howard High School of Technology	New Castle County Vocational Technical School District
John Strong	Dover High School	Capital School District
Melissa Tracy	Conrad Schools of Science	Red Clay Consolidated School District
Kacie Versaci	Prestige Academy Charter School	Charter School
Michelle Wilson	Booker T. Washington Elementary School	Capital School District

“This was a very competitive process,” said Paul Herdman, CEO and President of the Rodel Foundation of Delaware. “These 16 teachers were selected from more than 80 outstanding applicants. Given all of the state-level policy shifts happening in Delaware, we want to hear from classroom teachers to inform our thinking and we hope it provides them with a chance to expand their leadership on some of the most innovative work happening nationally.” For more information about the Rodel Teacher Council Members, including biographies, visit <http://www.rodelfoundationde.org/teachercouncil>.

The mission of the Rodel Foundation of Delaware is to help Delaware build one of the finest systems of public education in the world by 2020.

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