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***PATRICK D'AMELIO RESIGNS AS PRESIDENT AND CEO
OF ALLIANCE FOR EDUCATION***

SEATTLE, WA November 3, 2009 – The Alliance for Education announced today that Patrick D'Amelio, President and CEO, has resigned, effective December 4, 2009. D'Amelio's resignation was accepted by George Griffin III, Board Chair for the Alliance.

"The Alliance Board accepts Mr. D'Amelio's decision with sincere appreciation for his lasting contributions over the past three years. The Board recognizes that the Alliance for Education has benefited greatly from his leadership and dedication," said Griffin. "I speak on behalf of the entire Board in observing that the Alliance is in a healthier position as a result of Patrick's leadership and its future remains bright."

Mr. D'Amelio will leave the Alliance to serve as President and CEO of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Puget Sound. The Alliance will conduct a thorough search for a permanent replacement. The Alliance's Executive Committee, chaired by Mr. Griffin, will convene this week and the search process will begin immediately.

In his letter of resignation, D'Amelio noted, "I am grateful to have had this opportunity to contribute to such important work. I remain indebted to my colleagues at the Alliance, the Board of Directors and to our many partners both at the district and throughout the community."

During D'Amelio's tenure, more than \$20 million was raised in private donations. The Alliance also focused its efforts on expanding community engagement, increasing college access and improving teacher quality throughout the Seattle Public School District.

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About the Alliance for Education

The Alliance for Education is an independent, non-profit organization that brings together members of the community who are dedicated to supporting effective academic programs for children in Seattle Public Schools.

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