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### **Lyon Appointed Interim Chief Academic Officer**

BUFFALO, N.Y. – The Board of Trustees has named Dr. Heather A. Lyon the interim Chief Academic Officer at Pinnacle Charter School for the remainder of the 2010-11 school year. The Director of Instruction since 2007, Lyon is known at Pinnacle and in the community for her leadership among students, faculty and staff, and her drive toward excellence for the entire school community.



Dr. Lyon became a certified reading specialist after completing her Master's degree in education at the University at Buffalo, and prior to that her Bachelor of Arts in English from Alfred University. Most recently, Lyon received her Ph.D. in Educational Administration from the University at Buffalo in February 2010. She is a certified School District Administrator and Supervisor, and is also certified to teach Reading and English.

At Pinnacle, Lyon has served as a leader in the day-to-day operation of this urban K-8 charter school. She has led meetings with school faculty, staff and administrators, and has experience in the coordination, administration and scoring of New York State student assessments. She has supervised the development of curriculum for new programs and the revision of curriculum for existing programs, among other accomplishments. Lyon also worked for three years as the Western New York Regional School Support Center Coordinator for Erie 1 BOCES, and as an English teacher for three years at Cleveland Hill High School.

Dr. Lyon currently resides with her husband Howard, and their three children, Nolan, 6, Lilia, 4, and Oliver, 6 months in Wheatfield, NY. She's an avid reader, her favorite author is John Steinbeck, and she enjoys spending her free time with her family.

#### **About Pinnacle Charter School:**

Located in downtown Buffalo, Pinnacle Charter School facts are as follows:

- 20 to 1 student to teacher ratio
- 4 to 1 student to pc laptop ratio



- Extended hours with before and after school programs
  - Trained teachers who are certified in multiple subjects
  - Eight different foreign languages
  - Full Indoor Gym and outdoor track-- both facilities are on site
- 2 art rooms
  - 2 music rooms, 3 pianos including a baby grand
  - Technology lab
  - After school programs including- Disney, Brain Busters, Table Manners, Exercise (Yoga, Tae Bo, Tai Chi, Power Walking...), Steel Sculpting (with Griffis Sculpture Park) and Book clubs.

Conveniently located and perfect for parents working in downtown Buffalo.

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