

Robert Lewis Selected as New York Regional Director of Victory Schools

*Philadelphia Principal Selected as Newest Regional Director of
New York Charter Schools*

NEW YORK, July 1, 2008 – Victory Schools has announced its selection of Robert Lewis as its newest Regional Director – New York. Robert Lewis joins Victory Schools with over 15 years in education as a teacher and school administrator. He has extensive experience in curriculum development, school management, and human resources.

“I am honored to have such a passionate and effective education reformer join our team,” said Dr. Margaret Harrington, Victory’s Chief Operating Officer. “His diverse experience and exceptional qualifications will serve our partner schools well.”

Robert Lewis brings experience at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. In his most recent position, Dr. Lewis was principal of Mastery Charter Schools, a network of middle and high schools in Philadelphia. While there, he managed the implementation of curriculum, human resources, instructions, public relations, and health/safety policies. He also oversaw the implementation of Advanced Placement courses throughout the school by managing a team of teachers and providing targeted staff development. During his time there, Mastery Charter Schools saw 32.2 percentage point increase in 8th grade “proficient” and “advanced” level mathematics scores and a 15.3 percentage point increase in “proficient” and “advanced” level reading scores. In 2005, 2006, and 2007, Mastery was selected by the School District of Philadelphia to convert three low performing schools. One of these schools, which was labeled Philadelphia’s second most violent school, saw a drop in “violent incidents” from 76 to 6 between 2005 and 2007 under Dr. Lewis’ leadership.

“Dr. Robert Lewis has a proven track of effective leadership and management”, said Dr. Thomas Howard, Chief Academic Officer of Victory Schools. “His ability to create a friendly, nurturing learning environment has resulted in extraordinary student achievement and excellent school climate.”

Among his many accomplishments, Robert Lewis was honored with the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Public Service Award earlier this year. He also appeared in Global Register’s “Who’s Who in America’s Executives and Professionals” in 2006. Dr. Lewis received his Doctorate in School Administration in 2002 from the University of Pittsburgh and is currently studying at the Keller School of Management, expecting to receive his MBA in December of this year.

About Victory Schools

Victory Schools is a national leader in public charter and district school management partnerships. Victory’s mission is to create the finest public schools in America through partnerships with state departments of education, local boards of education, teachers, teachers unions, outstanding community groups and parents. The company is unique in its consultative approach to assisting public school districts; its strong emphasis on partnerships with all public education stakeholders; and its desire to provide the highest quality, most personalized service to the schools and districts we serve. Victory was founded in 1999 and is headquartered in New York City. This fall the company will provide services to 19 public and charter schools serving approximately 7,000 children in New York, Philadelphia and Chicago. For further information, Victory can be contacted at (212) 786-7900.

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