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AYS announces election of new officers, members to nonprofit's board of directors

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(Indianapolis, Ind.) – <u>AYS, Inc. (AYS)</u>, Central Indiana's premier provider of before- and after-school programs for kids, today announced the election of new officers and members to the nonprofit's board of directors.

The following officers and board members were elected during AYS' annual meeting:

Officers (2-year terms)

Nancy Mallon, retired, president

Mallon is a former AYS parent who later worked as an AYS administrator for several years. Following her retirement, she served on the AYS board of directors from 2004 to 2013. Upon reaching her term limit, Nancy retired from the board while remaining involved in committee work. She rejoined the board in 2014. (Photo of Mallon available.)

Dr. Victoria Davis, The New Teacher Project, president-elect Andrew Hedegard, JPMorgan Chase, secretary Justin Hayes, Katz, Sapper & Miller, treasurer

New board members (3-year terms)

Yalonda McTush Brown, Center for Leadership Development Sgt. George A. Long, IMPD-Community Affairs Branch Getsy Peeler, MSD Washington Township (retired) Brian Whitman, Corrigan Partners, LLC

The following officers and board members completed their terms:

Tim Witmer, outgoing president Freedom Smith, past president Kay Phelps

"We are fortunate to have some of the very best in Central Indiana joining us in our mission to provide high-quality out-of-school-time programming to as many kids as possible," said AYS President and CEO Chrystal Struben. "We're grateful for their commitment.

"We're also very thankful to those who have served us so well and are now moving on. Outgoing AYS Board President Tim Witmer has provided tremendous leadership and guidance during his tenure," Struben added.

AYS offers a variety of services through its before- and after-school programs, early childhood classes and school break camps. Its programs complement school-day learning and primarily focus on math, literacy, character development and physical activity. The nonprofit's secondary priorities include science and art.

AYS' first program started in Indianapolis in 1980 with fewer than 10 children. Today, the organization serves over 2,000 children during the school year and 500 in the summer. AYS currently has 40 school-age and four early childhood locations in Central Indiana, including eight in Indianapolis Public Schools and multiple sites in Washington Township, Decatur Township, Speedway and Noblesville. For a complete list of AYS sites, please go to https://www.ayskids.org/locations/.

For more information on AYS and its education and enrichment programming, please visit www.ayskids.org.

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