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## **Peter Bell to Step Down as President and CEO of Eden Autism**

PRINCETON, NJ – Eden Autism announced today that Peter H. Bell will step down as President and Chief Executive Officer, effective April 30, 2017, in order to pursue another opportunity outside of New Jersey. The Board has appointed Jennifer Bizub, Eden's Chief Operating Officer, as Interim Executive Director.

"On behalf of the entire Board, I sincerely thank Peter for effecting transformational progress at Eden since joining us in February 2014," said Patrick Tadie, Chair of Eden's Board of Trustees. "Under Peter's leadership, Eden made significant headway in executing our strategic plan, expanding our residential program; positioning Eden as a leader in the new fee-for-service funding model; expediting capital improvements to residential and day facilities; and securing numerous new job placements for the individuals Eden serves. During Peter's tenure, Eden also received two of its largest contributions leaving our endowment on very solid footing."

"It has been an honor to lead Eden for the past three years, to serve our many students, adult participants and their families, and to work alongside a remarkable board of directors and staff," said Bell. "I am very proud of our accomplishments on behalf of our families and employees in pursuit of our mission to improve the lives of individuals with autism. I have no doubt that Eden will continue to be a force in the autism community and a beacon of hope for member families."

Eden's Board has hired Robert Half Executive Search to begin an internal and external search for Bell's successor. As Interim Executive Director, Bizub will work closely with Bell over the next two months.

"While the Board accepts Peter's decision to pursue other opportunities for him and his family, we regret his departure. We wish Peter and his family well in their future endeavors and thank them for their contributions to Eden," said Tadie. "We have every confidence in Jennifer's capabilities and leadership while we search for a new President and CEO and look forward to continuing to serve our students, adult participants, and their families without interruption."

### **About Eden Autism**

Eden is a non-profit organization with a mission to improve the lives of children and adults with autism. The organization has over 40 years of clinical experience and success in educating individuals with autism, and training family members, educators, and other professionals in best practices. **The Eden School** provides a 12-month education program for ages 3 to 21 tailored to the specific abilities and requirements of each student. Community integration,

recreation, and pre-employment are hallmarks of the highly-regarded program. **Eden Adult Services** provides essential support to individuals as they age out of school yet require continued support. Services include employment training and placement, residential programs, and community integration and recreation. **Eden Outreach** provides early intervention therapy, professional development, curriculum, and consultations. Eden improves the lives of people with autism **one individual at a time, one family at a time, one community at a time.**

For more information about Eden, visit [edenautism.org](http://edenautism.org) or call 609.987.0099

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