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## Cooperative Educational Services Welcomes New PDS Director

Dr. Luke Forshaw has been appointed Director of Professional Development Services at Cooperative Educational Services (C.E.S.). Dr. Forshaw was previously the Principal of Ox Ridge Elementary School in Darien, CT, starting in 2012, and is also currently serving as the board president for REACH WesternCT, a position he started in 2016.

"I am honored to engage alongside and support the growth of the excellent C.E.S. Professional Development Services team. As a team, we will continue to provide thoughtfully designed experiences and services for our partners throughout the region." said Dr. Forshaw. "I am truly excited to contribute to the culture of care and belonging at C.E.S. as we collaborate towards successes for all!"



Dr. Lori Elliot, currently the Director of PDS, is leaving C.E.S. after two years to pursue personal goals, "I am delighted to welcome Dr. Luke Forshaw as he begins his new role as Director of Professional Development Services. The PDS team is certainly one of the best, and their innovative and supportive nature will be a great asset for Luke now and well into the future. As I make my transition into the consultant role on the PDS team, I look forward to working alongside Dr. Forshaw and the team as I continue to support the amazing teachers and leaders I have come to know and respect across the schools and districts we serve at C.E.S."

"We are excited to have Dr. Forshaw join Professional Development Services at C.E.S. His understanding of the region and his expertise in professional learning will complement the current strengths of the department." said Dr. Charles Dumais, C.E.S. Executive Director. "Luke brings with him a set of skills that will help develop the agility, impact, and relevance of PDS offerings to better serve our member districts."

Forshaw received a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Trinity College in Hartford, CT. He has earned a Master of Arts and a Doctor of Education, both in Curriculum and Teaching, from the Teachers College at Columbia University. Dr. Forshaw will officially begin at C.E.S. on August 1, 2023.

C.E.S. Professional Development Services offers a variety of teaching and learning services to educators in public and private schools as well as community educational centers. We are able to provide our services at our professional development centers, in virtual settings, and onsite at schools and districts. To learn more please visit [www.cestrumbull.org/pds](http://www.cestrumbull.org/pds).