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Dr. Walt Hanline is the Executive Director for the National Center for Executive Leadership and School Board Development. He served as a public school teacher, founding Superintendent/Principal of Ventura Missionary School, and as a public school superintendent in California and Oregon for 33 years, in districts ranging from 170 to 12,000 students. He served as Superintendent/Principal of Kings River-Hardwick School District, Del Norte County Unified Superintendent of Schools, and Superintendent of Ceres Unified School District, where he retired from in June 2010.

Since retirement, he has also served as Interim Superintendent in Natomas Unified School District, Denair Unified School District and in Oregon as the "part-time" Superintendent of Lowell School District. Both Natomas Unified,

and Denair Unified were in the process of the State taking over the districts. Dr. Hanline was asked to reverse their negative fiscal condition. In both cases he was successful, and the districts are prospering today.

Dr. Hanline was recognized by the Association of California School Administrators as the 1995 California Superintendent/ Principal of the Year and in 2007 as the California Superintendent of the Year. In 2015, the Ceres Unified Board of Trustees opened the Walt L. Hanline Elementary School.

Dr. Hanline served as an Executive Search Consultant with Education Leadership Services and the California School Boards Association and as an Affiliate and Adjunct Professor at California State University, Stanislaus, teaching both at the Masters and Doctoral levels. He is frequently sought as a presenter by school districts and organizations across the nation.

Dr. Hanline presents workshops for teachers, administrators and board members in team building, strategic plan development, collective bargaining, superintendent evaluation, and board governance. Dr. Hanline also serves as an Advisor/Coach for CEO's in school districts and charter schools throughout California and Oregon.