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CILC Acquisition of TWICE to accelerate innovation in education

NORTH MANKATO, MINN. – Two of the leading names in distance education have joined forces. The Center for Interactive Learning and Collaboration (CILC) has acquired Two-Way Interactive Connections in Education (TWICE)

The expanded organization will offer teachers, education leaders and EdTech innovators more services, from virtual learning experiences and global collaborations to annual events that connect students and authors, and celebrate reading around the world. The agreement, which has been approved by both the CILC and TWICE boards of directors, was signed by both parties on December 20, 2019.

For CILC, the acquisition of TWICE will deepen and expand its commitment to effective virtual learning experiences and global collaborations for all learners, everywhere. “Our mission is to support, advance and enhance lifelong learning through the use of collaborative technologies and innovations,” said Glenn Morris, CILC’s executive director. “Expanding access through TWICE CAPspace (Collaboration Around the Planet) is critical to accomplishing that vision.”

For TWICE, a Michigan nonprofit founded in 2002, becoming part of CILC will provide the institutional wisdom and proven leadership skills of an organization that’s been operating for 25 years. “We’ve interacted with CILC for many years and are deeply impressed with how it supports educators,” said Ric Kienbaum, TWICE Board Chair.

“When we looked at the missions of our two organizations, we realized we were already closely aligned,” Morris said. “By working together, we believe we can more deeply support educators and learners than we could separately.”

“CILC and TWICE have worked in the K-12 virtual learning space side by side for years,” said Elaine Shuck, TWICE Board member, “but this new Partnership allows us all to move forward in ways that we have not been able to in the past.”

CAPspace will become the core to CILC’s Collaboration Center, Morris and Kienbaum agree, and CILC will continue TWICE’s popular stand-alone global events such as Read Around the Planet and the popular ASK—Author Specialist, and Knowledge programming. “Educators will continue to rely on CAPspace for collaborative projects for students and CILC members will gain a powerful class- matching tool for participating in these projects,” says Morris.

Both organizations are committed to fostering global competencies in students by connecting students to real-world experts and to other students around the world. Better together, CILC and TWICE will be positioned to place powerful tools in the hands of educators worldwide.

About TWICE: *Two Way Interactive Connections in Education (TWICE) is a Michigan non-profit organization. TWICE promotes and supports collaborative connections for the benefit of all students, including CAPspace, a large-scale K-12 global directory and professional network of educators for video conferencing project collaboration. Their directory enables educators to connect with peers from any corner of the globe thus expanding and enhancing learning. @TWICEConnect*

About CILC: *CILC is a MN 501(c)(3) non-profit organization serving as a program of the South Central Service Cooperative, an Education Service Agency with its headquarters in southern Minnesota. Through interactive learning and collaboration, CILC expands opportunities for students of all ages to learn through engagement with over 1,900 professionally delivered programs, evaluated by teachers for teachers. @CILCorg*