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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: OhioGuidestone Hires Vice President of Education and Superintendent of Stepstone Academy**

**(March 2016) Cleveland, OH** – We are pleased to announce that Jim Dombrowski will join the agency as our Vice President of Education and Superintendent of Stepstone Academy. Jim will be responsible for providing leadership to the agency’s education staff and creating strategy for the furtherance of both OhioGuidestone and Stepstone Academy’s mission and vision.

Jim brings a wealth of experience and expertise to his role at OhioGuidestone. He has successfully led all aspects of business, as an Entrepreneur, Fortune 500 Executive and Big 6 Management Consultant. Additionally, he has significant industry expertise in Telecommunications, Professional Services, Outsourcing, Education and Non-Profits. Since 2012, he has been Chairman of the Advancement Committee for Stepstone Academy as well as the founder of the school’s Golf Classic Fundraiser. Jim received his Graduate Certification in Nonprofit Management from Cleveland State University, his MBA from Baldwin-Wallace University and Bachelors of Science from Cleveland State University. He has also earned certifications in Executive Leadership from the Generative Leadership Group; Project Management from the Project Management Institute; Professional Speaking from Toastmasters International; and Nonprofit Board Leadership from Business Volunteers Unlimited. Jim has taught as a Guest Lecturer at the Cleveland State University College of Urban Affairs and, as the President and CEO of Trend Consulting, oversaw the launch of new business lines focused on K-12 Higher Education technical support.

“Jim brings over 30 years of progressive leadership experience and a genuine passion for providing the highest quality education for students,” says Rich Frank, *President and CEO, OhioGuidestone*. “We are very excited to have him join our executive team, and we believe he is the perfect person to further the mission and vision of both our agency and charter school.”

“As a service provider, donor and advocate of OhioGuidestone the past ten years, and Stepstone Academy since conception, I am honored to serve in a Leadership capacity with these exceptional organizations,” says Jim. “As Vice President and Superintendent, I am committed to making a positive impact in the Children, Families and Communities we serve.”

OhioGuidestone is built on a solid foundation of experience and expertise, rooted in faith and a legacy of serving children and families. Our range of flexible, customized programs build upon one another so they address every aspect of a person’s needs. We’re a solutions-focused organization with passionate people committed to providing direction and inspiration to children, families and communities to help them become stronger. Its affiliate organization, Stepstone Academy is a high performing charter school located in the Central Neighborhood of Cleveland. We are one of the first charter schools in the United States to integrate an aspirational, no-excuses culture with a wide array of learning tools for children and families. Our rigorous curriculum focuses on inspiration, citizenship, character development and competence in reading and math. Our school is free to attend, and we offer free breakfast and lunch daily. Currently, we serve children in kindergarten-fourth grade, and we will add a grade a year until we reach K-8.