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Freedom School Partners announces new CEO and Executive Director

Charlotte, N.C. – The board of directors of Freedom School Partners is pleased to announce that Glenda Bernhardt has been named CEO and Executive Director of the organization. Bernhardt has most recently served as the Executive Director of Temple Israel in Charlotte. Prior to that role, she held development director positions at Teen Health Connection and the Junior League of Charlotte, agencies dedicated to improving the health and lives of women, children and families. Bernhardt was named as one of Charlotte's 40 Under 40 (Class of 2016) by the Charlotte Business Journal in recognition of her professional and community leadership.

"I am so excited to become the next CEO and Executive Director of Freedom School Partners, and I look forward to working with the board, staff, volunteers and partners to write the next chapter of this important community agency's story," says Bernhardt. "Together, we will build upon the strength and impact that Freedom School Partners has demonstrated over the last 20 years and define a future that best serves our community's children and families and promotes their long-term success."

"We are thrilled to have Glenda join the organization," says Freedom School Partner's board chair, Geoffrey Mize. "She brings a deep commitment to serving children and families in our community and brings a unique set of skills that will enable us to continue to deliver on our mission of preventing summer reading loss as well as contribute to the broader effort to enable greater economic mobility in Charlotte."

Bernhardt, who succeeds Freedom School Partners' Founder Mary Nell McPherson, will join the organization in mid-January.

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Freedom School Partners is a nonprofit organization, which promotes the long-term success of children by preventing summer learning loss through igniting a passion for reading and inspiring a love of learning.

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