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Mr. Sims’s career spans the fields of education, non-profit and private sector administration. Mr. Sims is currently the President and CEO of the Ohio Alliance for Public Charter Schools (OAPCS), based in Columbus, Ohio. Immediately prior to the Ohio Alliance, Mr. Sims was Senior Vice-President of School Management for K12 Inc., a Virginia-based curriculum and school-management company.

In addition to his leadership of the Ohio Alliance for Public Charter Schools, Sims has served on the oversight committees of Ohio’s Information Technology Centers (ITC) and the Ohio Network for Education Transformation (ONET), Ohio’s Race-to-the-Top State Reform Steering Committee and the Transformation Alliance governing Cleveland’s recent plan for a portfolio school district.

Mr. Sims spent 14 years as a teacher, history department chair, admissions director, school principal, and head of school in both public and private education. Additionally, Mr. Sims was Executive Director of Osvaldo and Ella Cisneros’ private-operating foundation - The Together Foundation (New York City), Executive Director and President of the Denver Council on Foreign Relations, founder of the Denver Institute of International Studies, founder of the publication *World News Digest*, Vice President of Administration and Customer Relations at Onesoft Corporation (a Virginia-based e-commerce company), and a Senior Program Officer at The Brookings Institution’s Center for Public Policy Education in Washington DC.

During the Nixon-Kissinger era of “Ping-Pong Diplomacy” and détente with China in the 1970’s, Mr. Sims led the first groups of American students into the People’s Republic of China. Mr. Sims has a B.A. in geography and history from the University of Colorado and a M.A. in education and international relations from the University of Denver’s Graduate School of Education and Center for Teaching International Relations. He currently resides with his wife, Jennifer, in Worthington, Ohio.