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Event Will Close LU School of Education 2009-10 Speaker Series

St. Charles, Mo.— Dr. Chris Nicastro, Missouri's commissioner of education, will speak at Lindenwood University at 7 p.m. on June 28 to close out the Lindenwood School of Education's 2009-10 Speaker Series. The speech, which is free and open to the public, will be in the Bezemes Family Theater, located in the university's J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts.

Her address will be about leadership at the local and school level, in particular, suggestions to our leadership program students and other patrons, about how to lead/encourage effective reform during a time of economic challenges and state/federal mandates.

The primary audience will be students and faculty in the Lindenwood University School of Education, particularly candidates in the school's Doctor of Education degree program, which is popular among school administrators in Missouri. Members of the public, however, are also welcome to attend.

"We believe it is important for Ed.D. candidates to be exposed to the thinking, goals, beliefs and understandings of educational leadership that affects the entire state—every teacher, every student, every school district," said Terry Stewart, of the School of Education faculty. "Commissioner Nicastro's message will help Ed.D. candidates understand leadership in education at a much higher or broader level."

Nicastro has been a teacher and administrator in Missouri public schools for 33 years. Most recently, she served as superintendent of the Hazelwood School District (St. Louis County), Missouri's fifth-largest school district. She was the first woman to serve as president of the Missouri Association of School Administrators (MASA), and she was honored as MASA's 2009 "Superintendent of the Year." Lindenwood University, founded in 1827, is an independent liberal arts university offering 84 undergraduate degree programs and 37 graduate programs in diverse areas of study— in traditional and accelerated formats. Lindenwood operates a residential campus in historic St. Charles, as well as 11 extension sites throughout the St. Louis metropolitan area.