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### **KIDS Consortium Announces New Board Members**

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AUBURN - KIDS Consortium is pleased to announce the election of three new members to its Board of Directors: Hoyt Walbridge of Cape Elizabeth; Thomas Rice of Peaks Island and Cambridge, MA; and Carol Kinsley of Springfield, MA.

KIDS is a nonprofit organization that serves schools and community organizations throughout Maine and the Northeast. The mission of KIDS Consortium is to prepare young people to be active and responsible citizens by training and supporting educators, community organizations, and youth in best practices for service-learning. Through service-learning, K-12 students identify, research and address real community challenges, using knowledge and skills learned in the classroom.

Dr. Walbridge is currently adjunct faculty at Southern Maine Community College and USM, Lewiston-Auburn College where he teaches courses in psychology, statistics and research methods. Before returning to his native Maine, his professional career focused on marketing research and consulting for the healthcare industry in the Philadelphia area.

Dr. Rice is internationally recognized for his expertise in leadership coaching and organizational alignment. He is CEO Emeritus of Interaction Associates of Cambridge, as well as co-founder and Chairman of The Interaction Institute for Social Change. Previously, Dr. Rice was Professor of Sociology and Anthropology at Georgetown University and a Research Associate at Harvard University.

Dr. Kinsley brings decades of experience as an educator and national service-learning advocate and advisor to the KIDS Board. She served as the first coordinator of Community Service Learning in Springfield, the program used by Senator Edward Kennedy as the model for Title IA of the National and Community Service Act of 1990. Dr. Kinsley served on the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service from 1994 through 2006, with appointments by Presidents Clinton and Bush.

KIDS Consortium President, Dr. W. Bumper White, Education Professor at USM, Lewiston-Auburn College, said, "the organization is honored to have these three distinguished professionals join the Board. They bring a wealth of wisdom and experience in education, organizational management, and national service to KIDS Consortium." ###