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Dan Cardinali is president of Communities In Schools, the nation's largest organization dedicated to keeping kids in school and empowering them to succeed in life.

Under his leadership, the organization has been nationally recognized for developing one of the most effective models for decreasing dropouts, increasing graduation and changing the picture of education in America. CIS currently serves 1.3 million students in 2,200 schools throughout 26 states and the District of Columbia.

As a highly visible thought leader in the field of public education, Cardinali is credited with helping to foster the growing national trend toward community involvement in schools through partnerships with parents, businesses, policymakers and local nonprofit groups.

Cardinali's commitment to improving public education and providing support to at-risk youth and their families is strongly influenced by his early experiences working with impoverished communities in the South Bronx, Appalachia, Ecuador, Nicaragua and Mexico.

His expertise and empathy have made him a sought-after voice in any discussion of public education and social justice. Each year, Cardinali delivers dozens of speeches at think tanks, universities and policy forums, and his viewpoint is frequently sought out by news media.

Cardinali is a 2007 Annie E. Casey Children and Families Fellow and leads the K-12 subcommittee of the Presidential Advisory Commission on Education Excellence for Hispanics. He also serves on the boards of America's Promise, Peace First and Child Trends, where he is currently chairman.

He holds a bachelor's degree in international relations from Georgetown University School of Foreign Service and a master's degree in philosophy from Fordham University.