



Chicago Growth Partners Leads Growth Recapitalization of Specialized Education Services

CGP backs another growing education services provider

We are pleased to announce the growth recapitalization of Specialized Education Services, Inc. (“SESI”). SESI is a private provider of specialized education services for children and youth facing learning, language, and social challenges. CGP led the recapitalization of SESI, partnering with Prairie Capital, Twin Bridge Capital Partners, and the Company’s management team.

Serving over 1,700 students in seven states, SESI provides educational services to children with learning and behavioral difficulties in kindergarten through 12th grade. The Company’s intensive, one-to-one, tutorial-based classroom model and values-driven rewards system combine to create a unique learning program and enriching environment for each student.

School districts view SESI as a valuable partner because of its ability to successfully educate students with the most severe learning and behavioral challenges. In addition to providing its services in standalone non-public day schools, the Company contracts to serve special needs students within the public schools. SESI has also taken over once-failing public special education schools and, by implementing its educational and behavioral model, drastically improved student outcomes.

We look forward to partnering with SESI’s terrific leadership team to grow the business while maintaining the Company’s high standards for student outcomes and program quality. The Company plans to extend its reach to new states and more students by opening new schools, acquiring existing non-public schools, and partnering with more districts to manage special education programs and schools. Management believes that there is a significant opportunity to partner with more school districts and employ SESI’s unique instructional model to improve student attendance, achievement, behavior, social skills, and graduation rates, with the ultimate goal of enhancing the students’ future quality of life.

The CGP deal team included David Chandler, Rob Healy, Ron Davies, Jeff Farrero, and Nate Marsh.