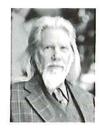### Rob Curtin

**Chief Applications Officer, US Education**
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Rob is the Chief Applications Officer for Microsoft US Education. He is responsible for connecting Microsoft's ecosystem of Campus, Cloud, and Consumer solutions to improve Student Success. He works with partners, and effective institutions to give Teachers 21$^{st}$ Century tools to purposefully manage student success.

Rob has been deploying technology to help education for over 20 years. Beginning with IBM in 1988 he implemented the first classroom networks in the Boston Public School System and first joined Microsoft in 1991 - before Excel had the AutoSum button. Rob then spent close to a decade building advanced student information and relationship management solutions for Higher Education as a member of the original team that delivered Exeter Student Suite continuing with Sungard SCT as General Manager of SCT Matrix. Returning to Microsoft in 2004 Rob has led Microsoft's Higher Education Advisory Group and Institutional Effectiveness initiatives.

Rob received a B.S. from Northeastern University, his favorite sport is whatever his children are playing that day, and he deeply appreciates his wife for tolerating his travel schedule.

### Whitfield Diffie

**Vice President for Information Security and Cryptography**
**Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)**

He is best known for the discovery of the concept of public key cryptography, in 1975, which he developed along with Stanford University Electrical Engineering Professor Martin Hellman. Public key cryptography, which revolutionized not only cryptography but also the cryptographic community, now underlies the security of internet commerce.

During the 1980s, Diffie served a as Manager of Secure Systems Research at Northern Telecom. In 1991, he joined Sun Microsystems as Distinguished Engineer and remained as Sun Fellow and Chief Security Officer until the spring of 2009.

Diffie spent the 1990s working to protect the individual and business right to use encryption, for which he argues in the book *Privacy on the Line, the Politics of Wiretapping and Encryption*, which he wrote jointly with Susan Landau. Diffie is a Marconi Fellow and the recipient of a number of awards including the National Computer Systems Security Award (given jointly by NIST and NSA)and the Franklin Institute's Levy Prize. In May 2010, Diffie joined the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) as Vice President for Information Security and Cryptography.

Thomas Jefferson's salary was $25,000 per year - a princely sum. In 1801 he spent $3,000 for wine.