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Stephan Turnipseed is the President Emeritus of LEGO Education, North America and Executive Director of Strategic Partnerships for LEGO Education. LEGO Education has a thirty-year history in developing educational resources and solutions that make learning engaging, challenging and fun for all learners. Turnipseed led LEGO Education North America for 16 years. During this time, he was responsible for helping to transform LEGO Education from a product sales company to an educational resource leader, working with educators, industry experts and academia to help inspire and develop the builders of tomorrow. Turnipseed is passionate about inspiring children through education and is a proponent of hands-on learning.

As part of the global LEGO Education team, he helps to establish the strategic direction for the company, leads advocacy and outreach efforts and is responsible for strategic relationships. He is the Chairman for The Partnership for 21st Century Skills, a national organization that advocates for 21st century readiness for every student. He is a member of the Clinton Global Initiative founded by President Clinton and the Global Business Coalition for Education founded by Prime Minister Gordon Brown.

Turnipseed is the past president of the Tourette Syndrome Association, a non-profit dealing with research, advocacy and policy for those, like himself, affected by Tourette Syndrome, a neurologic movement disorder.

Before joining LEGO Education, Turnipseed owned his own leadership consultancy practice focused on strategic and tactical planning and leadership skills development. He also previously managed business units for Schlumberger Limited, an oilfield service company.

Turnipseed is a veteran of the United States Air Force and is a graduate of Auburn University with a degree in electrical engineering. He is the author of two books and numerous published articles. He holds two patents for the design of the Tetrix robotic system. He resides in Pike Road, Alabama with his wife Joyce and is the proud father to one adult son. When not working with educators, Stephan enjoys pursuing his and his wife's dream of expanding a green space they created on his ancestral land for children to appreciate the importance of agriculture and the environment.