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Albuquerque Superintendent Takes Reins Of the Council of the Great City Schools

Tampa Board Member and Indianapolis Superintendent Also Elected to Posts

WASHINGTON, July 21 – Superintendent Winston Brooks of the Albuquerque Public Schools in New Mexico has been elected chair of the Council of the Great City Schools’ Board of Directors.

He will preside over the national urban education policy and research organization that represents 65 big-city school systems for a one-year term, which became effective July 1. The Council’s 130-member board is composed of the superintendent and a school board member from each of the districts represented.

“Superintendent Winston Brooks brings to the leadership of the urban coalition a proven track record of successfully heading two Great City school districts -- Wichita and Albuquerque,” says Council Executive Director Michael Casserly. “He will be a strong and constructive force in leading the improvement of public education in our major cities and educating the nation’s most diverse student body to the highest academic standards.”

Brooks succeeds Dilafruz Williams, a board member of Oregon’s Portland Public Schools, while Candy Olson, a board member of Florida’s Hillsborough County School District in Tampa, assumes the position of chair-elect.

Indianapolis Public Schools Superintendent Eugene White has been elected to Olson’s secretary-treasurer post to round out the Council’s 2011-2012 leadership team.

Boston Public Schools Superintendent Carol Johnson serves as the immediate past chair.

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