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San Francisco Superintendent to Lead Council of the Great City Schools

Long Beach Board Member, D.C. Chancellor Part of 2015-16 Leadership Team

WASHINGTON, July 1– Superintendent Richard Carranza of the San Francisco Unified School District today becomes 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 67 urban public school districts for a one-year term. The Council’s 134-member policymaking board is composed of the superintendent and a school board member from each of the districts represented.

“The Council of the Great City Schools is extremely fortunate to have as its next chair a person of Richard Carranza’s caliber and expertise ;” says Council Executive Director Michael Casserly. “His leadership will provide important direction to urban education nationally at a critical point in our reform and improvement efforts.”

Carranza succeeds Jumoke Hinton Hodge, a school board member with California’s Oakland Unified School District, who led the Council’s board since last July.

Moving up to chair-elect is Felton Williams, a school board member with California’s Long Beach Unified School District, who served as secretary-treasurer of the Council.

District of Columbia Public Schools Chancellor Kaya Henderson has been elected to the secretary-treasurer post to round out the Council’s new leadership team for the upcoming 2015-16 school year.

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