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## **Boston Superintendent to Lead Urban Schools Coalition**

*Portland Board Member, Atlanta Superintendent Also Elected to Posts*

WASHINGTON, June 23 – Boston Public Schools Superintendent Carol Johnson will lead the Council of the Great City Schools’ Board of Directors for a one-year term, beginning July 1.

She will preside over the policymaking body of the national policy and research organization, a coalition of 67 of the nation’s largest urban public school systems. The Council’s 134-member board is composed of the superintendent and a school board member from each of the districts represented.

Johnson succeeds William Isler, a member of the Pittsburgh school board, after serving as chair-elect, which will now be assumed by Dilafruz Williams, a member of the Portland, Ore., school board.

Atlanta Public Schools Superintendent Beverly Hall has been elected to Williams’ secretary-treasurer post to round out the Council’s 2009-2010 leadership team.

“Superintendent. Carol Johnson brings to the leadership of the coalition a proven track record of successfully heading three Great City school districts – Minneapolis, Memphis and now Boston,” says Council Executive Director Michael Casserly.

“She along with big-city school board representation from Dilafruz Williams and award-winning urban educator Beverly Hall will be a force in leading the charge to continue improving public education in our major cities.”

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