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## **Leader of Miami-Dade County Public Schools Recognized As 2018 Urban Superintendent of the Year**

BALTIMORE, Oct. 25 – Miami-Dade County Public Schools Superintendent Alberto Carvalho tonight received recognition as the 2018 Urban Superintendent of the Year by his peers at the Council of the Great City Schools' 62nd Annual Fall Conference here.

Nine big-city school superintendents competed for the nation's highest honor in urban education leadership, recognizing in alternating years an outstanding superintendent and school board member from 74 of the largest urban public-school systems in the country.

Urban school leaders applauded Carvalho during the Council's 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Green-Garner Award Banquet, where he received the prestigious leadership award.

Sponsored by the Washington, D.C.-based Council, Aramark K-12 Education, Scholastic, Inc, and Cenergistic, the top prize is presented each year in memory of Richard R. Green, the first African American chancellor of the New York City school system, and businessman Edward Garner, who served on the Denver school board.

Superintendent Carvalho has been at the helm of the fourth-largest school system in the nation for the past 10 years. Under his leadership, the district in 2012 won the annual Broad Prize for Urban Education that honors urban school districts across the country that make the greatest progress in closing academic achievement gaps. And just recently, the Miami-Dade County district received an "A" grade from the Florida Department of Education, with higher percentages of its schools receiving "A" grades in 2018 than statewide across all schools.

When he took the reins in 2008, the school district faced financial difficulties. Years later, the Miami County school system won the top national honor for financial management from the Council, recognizing the district for employing the highest standards in financial management, accountability and fiscal control.

"Alberto Carvalho has had a remarkable run as superintendent of one of the largest and most complex big-city school systems in the nation," says Council Executive Director Michael Casserly. "On top of that, his 10 years of leadership of the district has shown all of us in urban education what is possible. He is one of the finest and most effective urban leaders I have known in over 40 years of doing this work. Congratulations to Alberto and kudos to Miami!"

As the recipient of the 2018 Green-Garner Award, Carvalho receives a \$10,000 college scholarship to present to a student.

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