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## **Miami-Dade County School Board Member Named Top Urban Educator**

LOUISVILLE, Ky. Oct. 24 – School board member Larry Feldman of the Miami-Dade County Public Schools tonight received recognition as the 2019 Urban Educator of the Year at the Council of the Great City Schools’ 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fall Conference here.

Eleven school board members from big-city school districts competed for the nation’s highest honor in urban education leadership, recognizing in alternating years an outstanding superintendent and school board member from 76 of the largest urban public-school systems in the nation.

Urban school leaders applauded Feldman during the Council’s 30<sup>th</sup> Annual “Urban Educator of the Year” award banquet, where he received the prestigious Green-Garner 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.

Feldman has served on the Miami-Dade County school board since 2008, and under his leadership he helped the school system overcome financial challenges and has contributed to efforts in increasing student achievement. In 2012, the Miami-Dade County school district was the winner of the Broad Prize for Urban Education awarded to urban school districts that have shown the strongest improvement in closing the achievement gap.

A former teacher, assistant principal and principal in the Miami-Dade County school district, Feldman has contributed to improving urban education nationally. He is the immediate past chair of the Council of the Great City Schools’ Board of Directors.

“Larry Feldman’s leadership provided important direction to urban education locally as well as nationally,” says Council Executive Director Michael Casserly. “His dedication and commitment to ensuring all urban public-school students receive a quality education is commended and he is extremely deserving of this award.”

As the recipient of the 2019 Green-Garner Award, Feldman receives a \$10,000 college scholarship to present to a student in the Miami-Dade County school district.

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