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Anchorage Schools Superintendent to Head National Council

Pittsburgh Board Member and Memphis Superintendent Also Elected to Posts

WASHINGTON, June 26 – Superintendent Carol Comeau of the Anchorage School District in Alaska takes the reins as chair of the Board of Directors of the Council of the Great City Schools, effective July 1.

She will preside over the national urban education policy and research organization that represents 66 big-city school systems for a one-year term. The Council's board is composed of the superintendent and a school board member from each Council district.

Comeau succeeds George Thompson III, a board member of the Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools in Tennessee, while **William Isler, president of the Pittsburgh school board**, steps up as chair-elect.

Assuming Isler's post as the Council's secretary-treasurer will be **Superintendent Carol Johnson, stepping down from Memphis City Schools to lead Boston Public Schools**.

Celebrating 50 years of service, the Council is the only national organization exclusively representing the needs of America's urban public schools. "Our mission is clear cut: to support the education of the nation's most diverse student body to the highest academic standards," says Council Executive Director Michael Casserly.

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