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## **Boston School Board Chair Wins Nation's Top Prize in Urban Education Leadership**

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7 Elizabeth Reilinger, Ph.D., chair of the Boston School Committee, recently received the 2007 Richard R. Green Award, the nation's highest honor for urban education leadership, at the Council of the Great City Schools 51st Annual Fall Conference, held in Nashville, Tenn.

Six school board members from big-city school districts competed for the top prize, which is given in alternating years to an outstanding school board member and superintendent from 66 of the largest urban school districts in the country.

Dr. Reilinger received the Richard R. Green Award from the Council of the Great City Schools, a coalition of the nation's largest urban public school systems; ARAMARK, a professional services company; and Voyager Expanded Learning, a company that provides reading and math programs.

The Green Award is named in honor of the first African-American chancellor of the New York City school system, who had also headed Minneapolis Public Schools,

Boston Mayor Thomas Menino first appointed Dr. Reilinger to the school committee in 1994, and she has been elected chairperson of the Boston School Committee every year since 1998. Liz Reilinger is extremely deserving of this prestigious award, said Mayor Menino.

Liz Reilinger's leadership for the schools and children in Boston has been exemplary and central to the reform and improvement of the school district, stressed Michael Casserly, executive director of the Council of the Great City Schools.

As the recipient of the Green Award, Dr. Reilinger received a \$10,000 college scholarship to present to a high school senior of her choice in the Boston Public Schools or from her high school alma mater.

(Photo caption: Dr. Reilinger beams after being recognized as the nation's top urban education leader for 2007.)

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