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## **North Carolina Educator Wins Urban Education Award**

*Honored for Research and Assessment Leadership*

WASHINGTON, July 16 – Dr. Gongshu Zhang, chief accountability and research officer for North Carolina's Guilford County Schools in Greensboro, today received the nation's top honor in research and assessment in urban education.

He received the 2010 Council of the Great City Schools/Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Research and Assessment Leadership Award at the Council's annual Curriculum and Research Directors Meeting in San Francisco, July 15-17. The \$1,000 award was bestowed upon him for demonstrating educational excellence in the field of research and assessment that supports teaching and learning.

"Dr. Zhang is well respected for communicating and providing detailed, user-friendly evaluation of academic data, improving the quality of formative assessments that help teachers and principals improve the learning process for students," says Council Executive Director Michael Casserly. "His work has helped bring attention to the school district's strengths in the areas of student achievement."

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