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New Report Provides Solutions for Black Male Achievement In a Call for Change

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 – The Council of the Great City Schools has compiled solution briefs from some of the nation’s leading scholars and experts in addressing the academic needs of African American males in a new report titled *A Call for Change: Providing Solutions for Black Male Achievement*.

The 360-page report, published as an e-book with the support of global education leader Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, follows a groundbreaking study in October 2010 by the urban-schools coalition on the academic status of African American males.

The study -- *A Call for Change: The Social and Educational Factors Contributing to the Outcomes of Black Males in Urban Schools* – revealed that too many young black males in America were not realizing their full potential.

After releasing its 2010 report that gained nationwide headlines, the Council called for and hosted the National Summit on Educational Excellence and Opportunity for African American Males with the U.S. Department of Education in August 2012.

The summit featured a town hall discussion moderated by U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, roundtable talks and presentations on possible solutions, especially based on solution briefs commissioned by the Council.

The e-book is a collection of solution briefs that outline and focus on both educational and non-educational strategies, such as expectations and self-esteem, early-childhood programs, college and career readiness, gifted and talented education, mathematics and English language arts instruction, partnerships and mentoring, and others.

“These strategies need to be as comprehensive as the challenges these students face, for it is typically the joint force of multiple reforms and how they are locked together and integrated that appears to make all the difference in improving student achievement,” says Council Executive Director Michael Casserly.

The new e-book is available at no cost and can be downloaded from Apple’s iTunes (iBooks), Barnes and Noble (Nook Books) and Amazon.com (Kindle Books). *A Call for Change: Providing Solutions for Black Male Achievement* can be accessed on the Council’s web site: www.cgcs.org.

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