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## **Boston Schools Superintendent Recognized As Urban Education Leader of the Year**

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 18 – Superintendent Carol Johnson of the Boston Public Schools tonight received the nation’s highest honor for urban education leadership when she received the 2012 Richard R. Green Award at the Council of the Great City Schools’ 56th Annual Fall Conference here.

Ten big-city school superintendents competed for the top prize in leadership, which is given in alternating years to an outstanding school board member and superintendent from 67 of the largest urban school systems in the country.

Johnson received the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Richard R. Green Award from the Washington, D.C.-based Council, the nation’s primary coalition of urban schools; ARAMARK Education, a support services company; and Cambium Learning Group/Voyager, a learning intervention provider.

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 back in the 1980s.

Superintendent Johnson this fall began her sixth year at the helm of Boston Public Schools, the birthplace of public education in America. She has established an “Acceleration Agenda” to serve as a blueprint for school administrators, teachers, parents and the community to come together and contribute to the advancement of each Boston public-school student.

“Dr. Johnson never loses sight of why she is the leader of schools in the Great City of Boston,” says Council Executive Director Michael Casserly. “Educating students to their highest levels is always foremost in her mind. We are fortunate that she has also been a longtime leader of the Council, sharing her knowledge to improve urban schools nationally.”

As the recipient of the Richard R. Green Award, Johnson receives a \$10,000 college scholarship to present to a high school senior of her choice in the Boston school system or from her high school alma mater.

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