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Long Beach School Board President to Lead National Urban Schools Group

D.C. and Miami School Officials Part of 2016-17 Leadership Team

WASHINGTON, June 30 – Dr. Felton Williams, school board president of California’s Long Beach Unified School District, takes the reins as chair of the Council of the Great City Schools’ board of directors, effective July 1.

He succeeds Superintendent Richard Carranza of the San Francisco Unified School District to lead the policymaking body of the national coalition representing 70 of the nation’s largest urban public school systems. The Council’s 140-member board is composed of the superintendent and a school board member from each of the districts.

Williams moves up to head the board for a one-year term from his post as chair-elect, a position that will be assumed by Chancellor Kaya Henderson of the District of Columbia Public Schools.

Rounding out the Council’s leadership team for the upcoming 2016-17 school year will be Dr. Lawrence Feldman, school board member of the Miami-Dade County Public Schools. He was elected to the post of secretary-treasurer that had been held by Henderson.

“With Dr. Williams’ leadership experience in Long Beach and reform-minded team, we are confident that the Council’s board will steer urban-school advancements,” says Council Executive Director Michael Casserly.

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