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Council of the Great City Schools Announces New Leadership

School Board Member in Oakland Takes the Reins

WASHINGTON, July 1– Jumoke Hinton Hodge, a school board member with California’s Oakland Unified School District, today assumes leadership of the Council of the Great City Schools’ board of directors for a one-year term.

She succeeds Superintendent Valeria Silva of Minnesota’s Saint Paul Public Schools as chair of the policymaking body of the national coalition representing 67 of the nation’s largest urban public school systems. The Council’s 134-member board is composed of the superintendent and a school board member from each of the districts.

As part of the Council’s leadership team for the 2014-15 school year, Superintendent Richard Carranza of the San Francisco Unified School District steps up to the chair-elect post from secretary-treasurer.

Felton Williams, a school board member with California’s Long Beach Unified School District, has been elected the new secretary-treasurer.

“With the implementation of the Common Core State Standards in the forefront of many of our initiatives, we are confident that the Council’s board will steer urban-school reforms forward,” says Council Executive Director Michael Casserly.

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