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National Council on Teacher Quality Announces New 35-Member Advisory Board

The Washington-based National Council on Teacher Quality announced today a new advisory board for the organization, comprised of 35 leading thinkers, educators and reformers devoted to the improvement of teacher quality in all American schools. The new board reflects the organization's intent to firmly establish itself as a nonpartisan voice for urgently needed reforms of the nation's teacher policies. Says Council President Kate Walsh: "All of these individuals share our core commitment to educational justice, believing that we as a nation must do more to attract, develop, and retain good teachers." Among the new board members are award winning teachers and principals, school superintendents representing both large urban and small rural districts, founders of the nation's alternative routes into teaching such as Teach For America and The New Teacher Project, founders of charter schools including the KIPP Academies, two former governors, the head of a State school board, a State school chief, prominent authors on educational issues, and a number of politicians, foundation and business leaders who have taken an active role in education reform.

The new Advisory Board follows a newly constituted Board of Directors also announced this year led by Chair Andrew Rotherham, Executive Director of the Progressive Policy Institute and Vice-Chair, Gaynor McCown, Executive Director of The Teaching Commission. The Board also includes Chester E. Finn, President of Thomas B. Fordham Foundation, Ira Fishman of Patton Boggs LLP, Gary Huggins of the Education Leaders Action Council and consultant Danielle Wilcox.

Unhindered by partisan affiliation and motivated by a sincere desire to improve the quality of our teachers, the NCTQ Advisory Board will serve as an open network for experts in the field to share research, generate ideas, and motivate one another towards finding solutions.

The National Council on Teacher Quality advocates for reforms in a broad range of teacher policies at the federal, state, and local levels, including raising the standards for entry into the profession while also eliminating obstacles that keep many talented individuals from considering a career in teaching. It urges a more market-sensitive approach to the structure of the profession, in order to encourage a more equitable distribution of the finest teachers to the schools that need them the most and in the subject areas that are particularly difficult to fill. It also seeks to make a career in the classroom professionally satisfying, elevating our best teachers to positions of honor and respect.

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