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### **Superintendent Maria L. Goodloe-Johnson, Ph.D., named to The Broad Center Board of Directors**

**Seattle** - The Broad Center announced recently that Seattle Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Maria L. Goodloe-Johnson was selected to a new advisory board to oversee [The Broad Center for the Management of School Systems](#). The Broad Center of Management of School Systems is a nonprofit dedicated to raising student achievement by recruiting, training and supporting executive talent from across America to become the next generation of urban school district leaders. Dr. Goodloe-Johnson is a 2003 graduate of the Broad Superintendent's Academy.

The new board of directors, comprised of eleven prominent education and business leaders, will advise The Broad Center on its strategic direction as it seeks to increase national efforts to support talented urban education leaders. Board members include chancellors from the New York City Department of Education and the District of Columbia Public Schools, superintendents from Seattle and Philadelphia, a former U.S. Secretary of Education, and CEO/Founder of Teach for America, among others. The Broad Center runs two executive training programs, The Broad Superintendents Academy and The Broad Residency in Urban Education.

"Our public school districts need the very best leadership to dramatically improve education for America's students," said Eli Broad, founder of The Eli and Edythe Broad Foundation, which funds The Broad Center. "We are fortunate these national leaders share our urgency for education reform and have agreed to help The Broad Center continue improving its training programs."

Dr. Maria L. Goodloe-Johnson became Superintendent of Seattle Public Schools in July 2007. In that role, she is responsible for a district of 46,000 students, 8,000 staff, 92 schools and an operating budget of \$556 million. The mission of Seattle Public Schools is to ensure that all students meet or exceed grade-level expectations and graduate from high school prepared for college, career, and life.

"My experience as a fellow of the Broad Superintendent's Academy helped to build my capacity to understand and to lead complex urban school systems," said Superintendent Goodloe-Johnson. "It is my pleasure to contribute to the development of ongoing excellence and I am proud to be working with such esteemed colleagues. Everyone involved with The Broad Center is dedicated to raising student achievement across the nation."

During her first year at Seattle Public Schools, Superintendent Goodloe-Johnson and her staff, with input from thousands of stakeholders, developed a five-year strategic plan, *Excellence for All*, focusing on providing excellence in every classroom in every school. The School Board unanimously approved *Excellence for All* on June 4, 2008. A key strategy of *Excellence for All* is strengthening leadership system-wide. For more information on Seattle Public Schools, please click [here](#).

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