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Former CEO of Cleveland School District joins Harcourt School Publishers

Orlando, FL – Harcourt School Publishers announced today the appointment of Barbara Byrd-Bennett to the newly created position of Superintendent in Residency. Ms. Byrd-Bennett recently served as Chief Executive Officer of the Cleveland Municipal School District.

In her new position as Harcourt School Publishers' Superintendent in Residency, Ms. Byrd-Bennett will serve as a resource to superintendents and school boards across the country. She will also act as liaison between school districts and Harcourt School Publishers, to seek school district input to the development of new products and arrange district participation in Harcourt School product evaluations.

“We are delighted to have Barbara joining us,” said Harcourt School Publishers President Jan Spalding. “She is an accomplished and highly respected teacher, supervisor, administrator, and researcher of urban education. The experience and knowledge she brings to this new position will be invaluable.”

Ms. Byrd-Bennett began her career in education as an elementary school teacher with the New York City Board of Education. In New York, she taught at the elementary and high school levels, and served as a school principal as well as a district administrator. She was an adjunct professor at several New York City colleges and universities, including the College of New Rochelle, Fordham University, and New York University.

Before coming to Cleveland, Ms. Byrd-Bennett held two urban superintendencies. She was the Supervising Superintendent for the Chancellor's District, responsible for direct oversight of the lowest performing schools in the New York City Public Schools, where she was credited with dramatic improvements in student achievement. Prior to that, she was Superintendent for the Crown Heights School District in Brooklyn, where she was credited with reestablishing order and instructional focus.

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