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St. HOPE Board of Director Confirmed as New Chancellor for Washington, D.C. Public Schools

Chancellor Rhee Names Fellow SHPS Board of Director to Cabinet Position

SACRAMENTO, CA – St. HOPE Public Schools (SHPS) announced today that Michelle Rhee has been confirmed as the new Chancellor of Washington D.C. Public Schools. With a unanimous vote of 13-0, Washington D.C. City Council solidified Mayor Adrian M. Fenty's decision to hire Michelle Rhee, who will be responsible for reinventing a failing school system and managing a budget of \$1 billion. Rhee, who has served on the St. HOPE Public Schools Board of Directors for one year, played an instrumental role in the hiring of new staff and professional development, specifically at Sacramento High School.

Immediately following her confirmation, Chancellor Rhee named fellow SHPS Board Member Erin McGoldrick as the Chancellor's Special Assistant for Data and Accountability. McGoldrick, who was appointed to the SHPS board in 2006, also played an instrumental role at Sac High through the improvement of data and assessments. She is credited with putting in place strong assessments for students.

"I am honored and excited to join the transition team for the D.C. Public School system. After serving on the St. HOPE Public Schools Board of Directors with Chancellor Rhee for the last year, I have the utmost respect for her and confident she will do what's right for students in our nation's capitol," said McGoldrick.

"This is an exciting time for St. HOPE, our students, and our board of directors. I am confident that Michelle and Erin will make great impacts on the lives of D.C. students just as they have for our students. We are privileged to have their leadership here in Sacramento", said Kevin Johnson, St. HOPE CEO and founder.

Both Rhee and McGoldrick will continue serving on the SHPS Board of Directors.

About Michelle Rhee

Most recently, Michelle Rhee served as the Chief Executive Officer and President of The New Teacher Project (TNP), a non-profit organization that partners with school districts, state departments of education and other educational entities to enhance their capacity to recruit, select, train, and support outstanding new teachers for difficult-to-staff schools. Since its inception in 1997, The New Teacher Project has launched more than 40 programs in 20 states and attracted and prepared over 10,000 new, high-quality teachers. Rhee's commitment to excellence in education began in 1992, when she started her teaching career at Harlem Park Community School, in Baltimore as a

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part of the Teach For America program. Her outstanding success in the classroom earned her acclaim on Good Morning America and The Home Show, as well as in the Wall Street Journal and the Hartford Courant. Rhee holds a Bachelor's degree in Government from Cornell University and a Master's degree in Public Policy from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

About Erin McGoldrick

Erin McGoldrick is the outgoing Director of Data Management and Analysis for the California Charter Schools Association. In her current role, Erin is responsible for partnering with schools, researchers and funders to address the data needs of the charter school movement in California. With a background in qualitative and quantitative research design and analysis, she focuses primarily on ensuring quality data and analysis are used in evaluating the performance of California charter schools.

Erin has held a variety of positions in K-12 research including performing analysis for the Board of Education for the Los Angeles Unified School District, directing research and evaluation for the Urban Education Partnership, and performing survey research at Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin & Associates.

Erin received a master's degree in public policy from UCLA's School of Public Policy and Social Research. She received a bachelor's degree in the classics from the University of Notre Dame.

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About St. HOPE Public Schools

St. HOPE Public Schools is public charter school system that focuses on traditionally underserved students from low-income and minority backgrounds and provides those students with a high-quality, rigorous college preparatory education. Currently PS7, which serves students in grades K-8 and Sacramento High, which serves students in grades 9-12, are carrying out their missions by providing personalized attention to their students, committing more time with an extended school day to achieve results and creating high expectations for our students and parents. Driven by results, PS7 has seen more than a 100 point gain in its API score over the past three years and is the highest API score of surrounding schools. SHPS will open Triumph Center for Early Childhood Education in September of 2007 completing its mission to operate a Pre-K - 12 public charter school system in Oak Park.

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