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## **MEDIA ALERT**

### **Algiers Charter Schools Association Board Names New CEO**

(June 18, 2009, New Orleans) The Board of Trustees for the Algiers Charter Schools Association (ACSA), a non-profit charter school management organization (CMO) unanimously named veteran administrator Dr. Andrea Thomas-Reynolds its new Chief Executive Officer, at a special board meeting Thursday, June 18, 2009.

Thomas-Reynolds was chosen from a field of 20 candidates from around the nation due to her reputation as an innovative organizational leader and experience working with charter schools in Louisiana. Cobbe Place Consulting, LLC, a nationally recognized professional search firm, conducted the CEO search for the ACSA Board.

“We are very excited about Dr. Thomas-Reynolds coming to the ACSA,” said Charles Rice, Board President of the ACSA. “We are confident that her expertise in organizational leadership, non-profit management and economic development will be the tools needed to continue our pursuit of academic excellence.”

As ACSA’s CEO, Thomas-Reynolds will be responsible for directing academic and resources development, providing visionary leadership and support to the ACSA school leaders, ensuring fiscal accountability, and enhancing parent and community relations throughout Algiers.

Andrea Thomas-Reynolds, Ed.D is the former Regional General Manager for Edison Learning, a for-profit educational management company, responsible for overseeing the development, academic achievement, and management of partnership schools in Georgia and Louisiana. Under her leadership, Edison Learning successfully expanded into the



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state and formed relationships with various community groups and opened the Andrew H. Wilson Charter School in Broadmoor (2007), the Intercultural Charter School in New Orleans East (2008), and Capitol High Academies in Baton Rouge (2008).

Thomas-Reynolds has a unique background in education, non-profit management, and community economic development. In the early stages of her career, she served as the first Executive Director of the Jefferson Housing Foundation assisting several hundred first-time homebuyers in Jefferson Parish. After relocating to Philadelphia, she also served as the Executive Director of the Ogontz Avenue Revitalization Corporation (OARC) and developed over \$12 million in educational and construction projects.

She is a native of Avondale, LA and a product of the Jefferson Parish Public School System. Following her graduation from L.W. Higgins High School she continued her educational endeavors and earned a Bachelor of Science from Louisiana State University, a Master of Business Administration from Loyola University of New Orleans, a Master of Science in Community Economic Development from Southern New Hampshire University, and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of Pennsylvania.

Thomas-Reynolds said by phone yesterday after meeting that she would accept the position. However, a start date is yet to be determined.

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