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NCLC NAMES NEW BOARD MEMBER

DENVER, CO – Priscilla Haden was named to the Executive Board of the National Center for Learning and Citizenship (NCLC) at the Education Commission of the States (ECS) on June 6, 2007. Haden is a member of the West Virginia State Board of Education and a committed advocate for citizenship education. She recently served on the Study Group of the National Association of State Boards of Education’s national report Citizens for the 21st Century: Revitalizing the Civic Mission of Schools.

“NCLC is indeed fortunate to have Priscilla Haden as a board member,” said NCLC director Terry Pickeral. “Her leadership, experience, knowledge and commitment to ensuring all students gain the competencies for 21st-century citizenship are consistent with the goals and strategies of NCLC.”

NCLC is a national center, within ECS, focused on citizenship education, service-learning, arts in education and disaster preparation, and is led by a 21-member board. NCLC focuses on increasing policy support, quality practices and infrastructure to ensure every student in America has an opportunity gain civic competencies through school and community-based activities.

Haden is a graduate of Morgantown High School and received her bachelor's degree in education from West Virginia University (WVU). She furthered her education at WVU by earning her master's degree in guidance and counseling. Haden is a former educator, teaching in Monongalia, Wood and Kanawha counties. She is also a former member of the Kanawha County Board of Education.

Haden serves on a variety of boards and committees. She is a member of the Central West Virginia Airport Authority, Thomas Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees and the Thomas Memorial Hospital Foundation. She is also the state education chair for the League of Woman Voters, a member of the Vandalia Rotary Club and a member of the West Virginia Public Broadcasting Authority. Haden serves on the University of Charleston Builders Committee, the West Virginia University’s Visiting Committee for the College of Human Resources and Education, the Hi-Y Leadership Committee, WVPASS, and the National Association of School Boards’ Civic Education and Ethical Behavior Study Group. In addition, she is a member of the West Virginia Association of Retired School Employees and Delta Kappa Gamma (education honorary).

She is the recipient of West Virginia State University’s Hazo W. Carter Presidential Award, WVU’s James R. McCartney Award for Leadership and the Paul Harris Fellow Rotary International Award.

"West Virginia is very fortunate to have Priscilla as an advocate for civic education,” said Jay Cole, education policy advisor to Governor Joe Manchin, Ill and ECS Steering Committee member. “Her knowledge, experience and passion all make her a very effective and eloquent leader on this issue. I am pleased that ECS and NCLC are recognizing and honoring Priscilla in this way, and I know she will make great contributions at the national level to this very important effort."

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The Education Commission of the States (ECS) is an interstate compact created by the states, territories and the U.S. Congress that helps governors, legislators, state education officials and others identify, develop and implement public policies to improve student learning at all levels. A nonpartisan organization, ECS was formed in 1965 and is located in Denver, Colorado.

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