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## **KIPP NYC Public Schools Makes Major Leadership Appointments**

*Alicia T. Johnson Becomes First-Ever Chief Executive Officer; Natalie Webb Named Chief Schools Officer*

**New York, NY** – KIPP NYC Public Schools is proud to announce the appointment of Alicia T. Johnson as the first ever Chief Executive Officer, KIPP NYC Public Schools. In this newly created role, Ms. Johnson will oversee the management of all financial, academic, and operational departments, as well as the overall long term vision, strategic priorities, and deliverables for the organization, serving over 1000 employees, 7500 students, and 2500 alumni.

Ms. Johnson is a veteran KIPP NYC leader, who began her tenure in 2007 helping lead the nationally recognized alumni program, “KIPP To College”, now known as “KIPP Forward”. She went on to serve as Managing Director of College Services and Managing Director for Data and Operations before becoming the Chief Operating Officer and then President. During her most recent role, Ms. Johnson has led KIPP NYC through the region’s most significant growth and improvement in excellence on behalf of the KIPPsters, including building three new campuses in the Bronx which will significantly increase KIPP NYC’s educational footprint.

“From the moment I began my career at KIPP NYC 16 years ago, I knew I had found my purpose – building a better tomorrow,” said **KIPP NYC CEO Alicia T. Johnson**. “Grounding that vision in hard work, a commitment to service, equitable practices, and high-quality education has been, and will continue to be, the key driver in the success of our organization. I am honored to lead an amazing team in this new journey.”

“Alicia Johnson’s strategic leadership, commitment, and intuition have been an integral part of the success of the KIPP NYC Region,” said **KIPP Board Chair Larry Robbins**. “Her dedication and commitment to our students, families, staff and schools is unparalleled and we are thrilled that Alicia will lead KIPP NYC in this next phase of our journey.”

“Alicia’s experience driving our K-12 + model, along with her operational expertise has been a critical resource as a senior leader in the organization,” said **KIPP Co-Founder Dave Levin**. “We know that she will continue to contribute at the highest level as she expands her responsibilities in this newly created role.”

Ms. Johnson received her undergraduate degree from Stanford University, her Master’s in Public Policy from Yale University, and is a Broad Fellow selected to be a part of the 2020 inaugural cohort of the Fellowship for Public Education Leadership at Yale. She will be based out of the NYC regional office and will serve at the direction of the Board of Directors, KIPP NYC Public Schools.

We are also thrilled to announce the appointment of Natalie Webb from Deputy Superintendent to Chief Schools Officer, KIPP NYC Public Schools. Natalie has served KIPP NYC for over 17 years, first as a Fisher Fellow and teacher, then as the Founding Principal of KIPP NYC College Prep High School, and currently as the region’s Deputy Superintendent, supporting school Principals, nurturing the growth of our food program and KIPP Forward, and leading the creation of our Regional Leadership Development programs. Natalie fiercely advocates for students and deeply believes in the power of innovation in our schools. Her proven leadership and commitment to academic excellence will provide critical support to the Regional Leadership Team during this next chapter.

### **About KIPP NYC Public Schools**

KIPP NYC is a network of 18 public charter schools educating children in grades K-12 (eight elementary and nine middle schools, and a college preparatory high school). Together with KIPP Forward, the alumni support program, KIPP NYC is educating and serving 10,000 students and alumni. KIPP NYC is part of KIPP, the largest charter network in the country. Today, there are 280 KIPP public charter schools in 20 states and the District of Columbia educating over 120,000 children.

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