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TIFFANY WILLIAMS NAMED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF TEACH FOR AMERICA-DETROIT

Native Detroiter Becomes Organization's Local Leader

DETROIT, May 6, 2014—Tiffany Williams has been named executive director of Teach For America—Detroit, effective immediately. Williams had been serving as interim executive director since January, when former executive director Annis Stubbs assumed a leadership role with Teach For America's national office.

Williams has worked in high-level management roles at Teach For America-Detroit since it launched, first as the senior managing director of teacher leadership development and later as the vice president of regional operations.

A Detroit native and graduate of Cass Technical High School, Williams holds a bachelor's degree in sociology and Afro-American studies from the University of Michigan, a master's degree in education from St. Joseph's University, and a master's degree in community planning from the University of Maryland. Prior to joining Teach For America staff, Williams worked for three years in affordable-housing development in Washington, D.C., before transitioning to education consulting and later a role as a school administrator in Philadelphia.

"I feel incredibly privileged by the chance to take on this role in my hometown and be a part of the work our city is doing to develop educational opportunities that transform the lives of our kids," Williams said. "It's easy to see myself in the students we serve. Education opened up new pathways for me to be successful. Every one of our students deserves those same opportunities."

Since 2010, Teach For America–Detroit has grown from 10 staff members and 100 teachers to more than 300 teachers in 80 schools and a staff of nearly 40. The organization impacts about 22,000 students throughout the region.

Stubbs, a fellow Detroit Public Schools alumna who now serves as senior vice president of strategy, innovation, and operations in Teach For America's national office, welcomed Williams to the role. "Tiffany is a visionary leader motivated by students' best interests," Stubbs said. "With her at the helm, in partnership with schools, families, and neighborhoods, Teach For America—Detroit can continue its work as a hometown asset contributing to the continued revitalization of our city."

About Teach For America

Teach For America works in partnership with communities to expand educational opportunity for children facing the challenges of poverty. Founded in 1990, Teach For America recruits and develops a diverse corps of outstanding individuals of all academic disciplines to commit two years to teach in high-need schools and become lifelong leaders in the movement to end educational inequity. Today, 11,000 corps members are teaching in 48 urban and rural regions across the country while 32,000 alumni work across sectors to ensure that all children have access to an excellent education. For more information, visit www.teachforamerica.org and follow us on Facebook and Twitter.