This year, a distinguished group of 13 of the country’s top educational experts served as the review board for The Broad Prize. Every year, review board members examine student performance indicators, demographic statistics and other information on the 75 urban school districts that are eligible for The Broad Prize. Using their professional knowledge and experience, the review board selects four Broad Prize finalists—those large urban districts that have demonstrated the greatest overall performance and improvement in student achievement while narrowing income and ethnic achievement gaps. Below is a full list of the 2012 Broad Prize review board members.

Anne L. Bryant is the executive director of the National School Boards Association, a national federation of state school board associations. Bryant also serves on the board of directors of Universal Service Administrative Company and was the Association Trends Executive of the Year in 2005.

Christopher Cross founded Cross & Joftus, LLC in 2004 to provide education leaders with personalized and expert assistance in policy analysis and development, evaluation, executive coaching, planning and communication strategies. Cross is a former senior fellow with the Center on Education Policy and with the Education Commission of the States. Previously, he served as president and CEO of the Council for Basic Education and as an assistant secretary of education under President George H.W. Bush.

Jane Hannaway is vice president of the American Institutes for Research in Washington, D.C. and director of the Center for Analysis of Longitudinal Data in Education Research (CALDER), which focuses on analyses of state longitudinal student- and teacher-level administrative databases, particularly analyses associated with teacher labor markets. Hannaway previously served as founding director of the Education Policy Center at the Urban Institute and on the faculty of Columbia, Princeton and Stanford universities.

Eric “Rick” Hanushek is the Paul and Jean Hanna senior fellow at the Hoover Institution of Stanford University. Hanushek is also chairman of the executive committee for the Texas Schools Project at the University of Texas at Dallas, a research associate of the National Bureau of Economic Research, and a board member of the National Board for Education Sciences.

Karen Hawley Miles is executive director and founder of Education Resource Strategies, specializing in strategic planning, organization and resource allocation in urban public school districts. She has taught school leaders at Harvard University, in school districts and for New Leaders for New Schools and The Broad Institute for School Boards. Previously, she was a strategy and management consultant for hospitals and corporations at Bain & Company.

Deborah McGriff is a partner at NewSchools Venture Fund. Prior to that, she held numerous positions at EdisonLearning, including president of Edison Teachers College, executive vice president of charter schools, and executive vice president of several external relations functions. McGriff was also the first female general superintendent of Detroit Public Schools, the first female assistant superintendent in Cambridge, Mass., and the first female deputy superintendent in Milwaukee. She is the former president of the Education Industry Association, the leading professional association of education service providers, and was a teacher and administrator in New York City public schools for more than a decade.

Thomas W. Payzant is a senior lecturer at the Harvard Graduate School of Education and an advisor to and superintendent-in-residence of The Broad Superintendents Academy. From 1995 to 2006, he served as superintendent of Boston Public Schools, which won the 2006 Broad Prize after being a finalist for four years. Before Boston, Payzant served as superintendent of the San Diego Unified School District for 11 years, as superintendent of Oklahoma City Public Schools for three years and as superintendent of Eugene Public Schools in Oregon for five years. In addition, Payzant served as President Bill Clinton’s assistant secretary for elementary and secondary education from 1993 to 1995.

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Delia Pompa is the vice president for education at the National Council of La Raza. Previously, she directed the office of bilingual education and minority languages affairs in the U.S. Department of Education. Pompa also served as the executive director of the National Association for Bilingual Education, the premier representative of second language learners and immigrant students. She has also served as director of education, adolescent pregnancy prevention and youth development for the Children's Defense Fund, as an assistant commissioner for the Texas Education Agency and as the executive director for bilingual programs and early childhood education for the Houston Independent School District.

Margot Rogers is vice chairman and senior advisor at The Parthenon Group’s Education Center of Excellence. Prior to joining Parthenon, she was chief of staff to U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan. Rogers also has served in multiple roles at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, including deputy director of education and the special assistant to the director of education, where she managed the development of the foundation’s college-ready education strategy and staff realignment.

Roger Sampson is president of the Education Commission of the States, a non-partisan organization that brings together key leaders—governors, legislators, chief state school officers, higher education officials, business leaders and others—to work side-by-side to improve education. Previously, Sampson was commissioner of the Alaska State Board of Education & Early Development. Sampson has served in a variety of roles and positions in public schools in both rural and urban Alaska.

Andrew Rotherham is co-founder and partner of Bellwether Education, offering specialized professional services and thought leadership to the entrepreneurial education reform field. Rotherham previously served as special assistant to the president for domestic policy during the Clinton administration and on the state board of education in Virginia. He writes the blog Eduwonk.com.

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John Simpson is an education consultant and serves as advisor to and superintendent-in-residence of The Broad Superintendents Academy and as an associate with Hazard, Young and Attea, LLC. Previously, he was senior executive and director of the District Alliance Program at the Stupski Foundation. From 1998 to 2004, Simpson served as superintendent of Norfolk Public Schools, Va., which won the 2005 Broad Prize. He previously served as superintendent of Ann Arbor Public Schools in Michigan and of North Chicago Community Unit, District 187. Simpson was also president of the Large City School Superintendents and the Horace Mann League. He serves on the board of visitors of Eastern Virginia Medical College, the accountability review council for the Recovery School District for the Louisiana Department of Education and the board of directors for The New Teacher Project.

The following individuals serve on The Broad Prize review board, but did not participate in the 2012 selection process:

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