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ALAS Past President Alberto Carvalho Named 2014 Superintendent of the Year by American Association of School Administrators (AASA)

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Alberto M. Carvalho, superintendent of Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) in Florida, was named the national 2014 Superintendent of the Year by the American Association of School Administrators (AASA). Carvalho completed his term as president of the Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents (ALAS) board of directors in October 2013, and is now serving as the immediate past president. The announcement was made at AASA's national conference on education in Nashville, TN on February 13, 2014.

Since 2008, Carvalho has overseen the nation's fourth largest school system, serving a diverse student body of over 400,000 in Pre-K-Adult, with an annual budget of almost \$4.3 billion; 53,000 employees; and over 47.5 million square feet of facilities. He is a nationally recognized expert on education reform and finance, as well as an outspoken advocate for high quality education for all students.

"We have been proud to call Alberto Carvalho one of our own for years," said Veronica Rivera, executive director of ALAS. "His input and influence have been invaluable to this organization that supports Latinos in leadership and promotes educational success for all students. While he was transforming the Miami-Dade public school system, Alberto also has been influencing educational reform at the national level for a number of years. We look forward to continuing our relationship with him and benefitting from his guidance."

Under Carvalho's leadership, M-DCPS' business operations were restructured, resulting in an increase in financial reserves of over 2000 percent, despite the national economic downturn. Insisting on transparency in the budgeting process, he restored public trust and community support for Miami-Dade's public schools. By bringing a renewed focus to the classroom, student performance has improved significantly. In 2010, the District posted its highest high school graduation rate ever and through a data-driven approach to school performance improvement, decreased the number of "F" high schools in Miami-Dade from 13 to one. Additionally, as a leader in innovation, Carvalho is spearheading the transformation of education, pushing for the migration from textbooks to digital content and is developing cutting edge educational environments to meet the demands of today's learners.

The AASA National Superintendent of the Year applicants were measured against the following criteria: leadership for learning; communication –both personal and organizational; professionalism; and community involvement.

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About the Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents (ALAS)

The ALAS mission is to provide leadership at the national level that assures every school in America effectively serves the educational needs of all students, with an emphasis on Latino youth, by building capacity, promoting best practices, and transforming educational institutions. ALAS was established in 2003 in response to a lack of national advocacy and representation of Latino students.