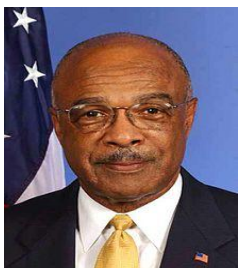




**Press Release
January 28th, 2013**



**Dr. Roderick Raynor "Rod" Paige
7th United States Secretary of Education**



**Dr. Ruben Olivarez
University of Texas, at Austin**

Two prominent educators will address the inaugural forum for The National Alliance of Black School Educators (NABSE) and the Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents (ALAS). NABSE and ALAS are coming together to explore common solutions in advancing academic achievement among African American and Latino school-age youth. These two groups comprise 38% of the U.S. public school student population.

For the first time in recent history, a group of Latino and African American superintendents will meet to identify how the two groups can find collective solutions to such educational challenges as to increase: graduation rate, the number of minority students pursuing STEM careers and the overall academic student achievement as well as to make recommendations on educational policy issues that impact African American and Latino families.

The meeting has been scheduled for March 21st-23rd, 2013, in Dallas, Texas. Former Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education, Dr. Roderick Paige and Dr. Ruben Olivarez, Professor, Cooperative Superintendency Program, Public School Executive Leadership at the University of Texas, Austin, will address the group.

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