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ALAS Announces New Director and Participants in the Superintendents Leadership Academy 2015-2016

WASHINGTON, D.C.—July 7, 2015—The Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents (ALAS) is proud to announce the selection of a new director for its prestigious Superintendents Leadership Academy (SLA). Dr. Michael Hinojosa, former ALAS Board Member and current DALAS ISD Interim Superintendent will be directing the program this year.

“Dr. Hinojosa brings his vast experience, knowledge and leadership abilities to the program,” said Veronica Rivera, executive director of ALAS. “Through his leadership our SLA participants will gain the insight and skills necessary to effectively lead school districts they serve, while ensuring that all students are successful in college and career.”

This year, only 14 administrators from across the nation were selected to participate in the year-long program. The SLA Academy began in 2009. To date 15 graduates are currently serving as superintendents throughout the country.

Participants were selected for the program based on their proven record of leadership and commitment on raising the level of student achievement for students of color and for English Language Learners for the school districts they serve. Their level of dedication to serving the needs of children and their families was also considered essential for selection.

The year-long program will cover Curriculum & Instruction/Assessment; Equity Leadership & Community Engagement; Governance & Strategic Planning; Leadership & Preparing to Become a Superintendent Preparation; Management Systems & Structures; and Government Relations. Experienced superintendents and other educational professionals will share their expertise at the sessions.

The program participants represent eight different states. They are:

Almudena “Almi” Abeyta
Deputy Superintendent for Teaching and Learning
Santa Fe Public Schools
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Jeanette Rodriguez-Chien
Executive Director of Educational Services
Student Health & Human Services
Rowland Unified School District
Rowland Heights, California

Juan Cordova
Director of Academic Programs, Puerto Rico
Houghton Mifflin and Harcourt
Wadesboro, North Carolina

Susana Codova
Chief Schools Officer
Denver Public schools
Denver, Colorado

Jacqueline Costales
Support Principal
Albuquerque Public Schools
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Georgia Duran
Chief Strategy Officer Programs
Aurora Public Schools
Aurora, Colorado

Ivan Duran
Assistant Superintendent Elementary
Education
Denver Public Schools
Denver, Colorado

Antonio Esquibel
Executive Director of Schools
Denver Public Schools
Denver, Colorado

Nancy Garza Lewin
Chief Academic Officer
Accomack County Public Schools
Accomack, Virginia

Michael Ramirez
Director, Office of School Performance &
Accountability
School Board of Broward County
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Michael Romero
Executive Officer, Office of Educational
Services
Los Angeles Unified School District
Los Angeles, California

Eddie Ruiz
Principal
Fulton County Public Schools
Atlanta, Georgia

Sherry Segura
Principal
Adams School District 14
Commerce City, Colorado

Gloria Trejo
Principal
District 33
West Chicago, Illinois

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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.