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ALAS Selects 2017-2018 Superintendents Leadership Academy Cohort VII

WASHINGTON, D.C.—August 7, 2017—The Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents (ALAS) is proud to announce the final selection for Cohort VII of the Superintendents Leadership Academy. This leadership and networking program runs July 2017 through June 2018.

The Superintendents Leadership Academy (SLA) is designed to prepare the next generation of Latino education leaders for the role of school superintendent across the U.S. With a rigorous application and interview process, fifteen outstanding educators emerged from across the nation and were selected to engage in the year-long leadership opportunity. Since its inception in 2009, more than 80 school leaders have graduated from the SLA, with many serving as school superintendents within their communities.

“The Superintendents Leadership Academy is one of the many ways ALAS works to cultivate leaders who represent the needs of Latino-serving districts,” ALAS Executive Director Dr. Nancy Lewin said. “Given the continuing increase of Hispanic student demographics across the country, a critical need exists to prepare a new generation of Hispanic school leaders to more accurately reflect the increasingly diverse student populations in which they serve.”

Participants were selected for the program based on their proven record of leadership and dedication to raising the level of achievement for students of color and for English Language Learners. The program also evaluates their demonstrated efforts to serve the needs of children and their families.

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

The program participants represent 11 different states. They are:

Viviana Conner
World Language Coordinator
Greenwich Public Schools
Greenwich, CT

Boris Costa-Guerra
Principal
Sante Fe Public Schools
Sante Fe, NM

Claudio Coria
Executive Director of Leadership
Phoenix Union High School District
Phoenix, AZ

Lora De La Cruz

Principal
Boulder Valley School District
Boulder, CO

Ivette Dubiel

Director of Educational Equity
Indian Prairie School District 204
Aurora, IL

Jose Enriquez

Executive Director of Latinos in Action
Former Director Title III UTAH Office of Edu. ED
of Latinos in Action
Sandy, UT

Renato Lajara

Principal
School District of Philadelphia
Philadelphia, PA

Stephen Linkous

Principal
Houston Independent School District
Houston, TX

Lazaro Lopez

Associate Superintendent
High School District 214
Arlington Heights, IL

Marcos Murillo

Area Superintendent
Hillsborough County School District
Tampa, FL

Jesus Rodriguez

Principal
Denver Public Schools
Denver, CO

Jacqueline Rosado

Director of School Renewal
NYC Department of Education Community
School District 32
Brooklyn, NY

Kristina Davis Salazar

Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and
Learning
West Chicago D33
West Chicago, IL

Victoria Saldala

Director, Bilingual / ESOL Department
Broward County Public Schools
Fort Lauderdale, FL

Rosa Cabrera-Thompson

Principal
Kent School District
Kent, WA

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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.