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NALEO Educational Fund to Convene Policymakers in Nation's Capital for 10th Annual National Summit on the State of Latino Education

White House Domestic Policy Council Director Cecilia Muñoz, White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics Commissioner Daniel J. Cardinali and NEA President Lily Eskelsen García among notable speakers and experts at this year's Summit

Washington, D.C. – The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund, the nation's preeminent Latino leadership organization, will convene more than 55 Latino school board members, higher education trustees, and state legislators from across the country to discuss the state of Latino education and strategies to ensure Latino students have access to positive educational experiences and high quality instruction.

The event will take place September 29-30, 2014, at The Westin Georgetown, as part of the organization's *10th Annual National Summit on the State of Latino Education* in Washington, D.C. With Latinos being the second largest population group in the United States, the educational attainment of Latino students is intrinsically connected to the nation's future prosperity and success. The steady growth of this student population makes it imperative that Latino students benefit from and have access to high quality teachers and positive educational experiences PreK through college completion.

Research demonstrates that having teachers with higher levels of educator preparation and content mastery improves classroom quality and leads to better academic outcomes for children. This two-day convening will provide Latino policymakers with an opportunity to hear from leading education experts from the public, private, and non-profit sectors who will tackle pressing policy and governance topics on teacher quality. The Summit will include a curriculum that covers:

- State of Latino Education
- Updates on Federal Teacher Quality Initiatives
- Teacher Recruitment and Preparation: Meeting the Needs of English Language Learners
- Professional Development: Models that Support Teachers to Improve Student Learning
- Leveling the Playing Field: Allocating Resources in Support of Success for All Students
- A Federal Vision of Accountability and Teacher Evaluation
- States' Teacher Evaluation Frameworks
- Local Implementation and Professional System Capacity

Education policymakers from all levels of government can play a critical role to ensure that our schools continue to be the center of community development that improves the opportunities for learning for all students. Participants will have the opportunity to develop strategic partnerships with other elected officials and engage in informational panels, working sessions and strategy groups designed to help them become more effective, well-informed advocates for their students, families and communities.

This year's *Summit* speakers include White House Domestic Policy Council Director **Cecilia Muñoz**; U.S. Department of Education Assistant Deputy Secretary and Director **Dr. Libia Gil**; Communities in Schools President and White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics Commissioner **Daniel J. Cardinali**; and National Education Association President **Lily Eskelsen García**.

The event is made possible through the generous support of Title Sponsors, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and State Farm®.

A full schedule and list of speakers is available on the NALEO Educational Fund website at <http://www.naleo.org/institutes/EducationSummit2014>.

What: NALEO Educational Fund's *10th Annual National Summit on the State of Latino Education*

When: September 29-30, 2014

Where: The Westin Georgetown
Washington Ballroom, Conference Level
2350 M Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20037

Media: **This event is open to media. Advance registration is required.**

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NALEO Educational Fund is the nation's leading non-partisan, non-profit organization that facilitates the full participation of Latinos in the American political process, from citizenship to public service.