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More than 70 Latino Policymakers From Across Nation Join NALEO Educational Fund in Washington D.C. for Policy Institute

Sessions will focus on school governance skill training and development aimed at making institute participants more effective advocates for their students and communities

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 70 Latino school board members, higher education trustees, and state legislators from across the country to discuss the nation’s most pressing education issues, and learn about strategies to ensure Latino students are able to thrive in their communities.

The convening will take place March 25, 2015, at The Omni Shoreham Hotel, as part of the organization’s *Policy Institute on Governance: Effective Governance through Strong Leadership* event 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 experienced and effective education policymakers in their communities.

The NALEO Education Leadership Initiative (NELI) Policy Institute on School Governance 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. The Institute will include a curriculum that covers:

- Equal Educational Opportunities to Learn: The Role of the Federal Government
- Lessons Learned and the Path Forward: Common Core State Standards and Assessment Implementation (Part I – II)
- Best Practices: The Challenges and Strategies in Implementing the Common Core State Standards (CCSS)
- Assessment Implementation and Meeting the Needs of English Language Learners

The overarching goal of the NELI Policy Institute on School Governance is to provide Latino public servants with the enhanced capacity and governance skills they need to become effective advocates for their students, families, and communities. Institute speakers will feature representatives from the U.S. Department of Education, including Assistant Deputy Secretary

and Director Dr. Libia Gil and the Office for Civil Rights' Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy James Ferg-Cadima.

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 [here](#).

What: NALEO Educational Fund's *Policy Institute on Governance: Effective Governance through Strong Leadership*

When: March 25, 2015

Where: The Omni Shoreham Hotel
Empire Ballroom, Shoreham Lower Level
2500 Calvert St NW, Washington, DC 20008

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

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About NALEO Educational Fund

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.