NMCEL Summer Conference

Equity and Access Through Leadership

The New Mexico Coalition of Educational Leaders’ Annual Conference is scheduled for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, July 20-22, 2016. This year’s conference will be held at the Embassy Suites in Albuquerque. The hotel and spa provides ample parking, with comfortable accommodations. Two very dynamic speakers will join us this year to share insights and personal stories about overcoming struggles on the road to successful leadership.

Dr. Pedro Noguera to Keynote at NMCEL Conference

Pedro Noguera is the Distinguished Professor of Education at the Graduate School of Education and Information Studies at UCLA. Prior to joining the faculty at UCLA he served as a tenured professor and holder of endowed chairs at New York University (2003 – 2015) Harvard University (2000 – 2003) and the University of California, Berkeley (1990 – 2000).

Dr. Noguera is the author of eleven books and over 200 articles and monographs. He serves on the boards of numerous national and local organizations and appears as a regular commentator on educational issues on CNN, MSNBC, National Public Radio, and other national news outlets. His most recent books are Excellence Through Equity (Corwin 2015) with Alan Blankstein, School for Resilience: Improving the Life Trajectory of African American and Latino Boys with E. Fergus and M. Martin (Harvard Education Press 2014), and Creating the Opportunity to Learn with A. Wade Boykin (ASCD, 2011).

Visit the NMCEL website for information on:

- 2016 Summer Conference
- Aspiring Superintendents’ Academy
From the Executive Director—Rendón’s Reflections

Dear Colleagues:

I hope that you all are finding time during your Spring Break to get some well deserved rest before the final push in completing another school year. Good luck to everyone as your students take the PARCC exam this year.

As was mentioned in the previous newsletter, New Mexico’s dire news on the economic front has many people worried about the future funding for education in New Mexico. Already we’ll see a reduction in funding from the state’s permanent land fund with little hope for increases in revenue. We’re all anxiously awaiting the news of the new unit value which should be announced at the Spring Budget conference on March 31.

Meanwhile on the national front, the new Secretary of Education, John King was confirmed in mid-March with the charge to begin the implementation of the new Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) plan “the way Congress wrote it” (Senator Lamar Alexander).

There are a number of changes in the new law that will affect districts or local education agencies (LEAs) as they are referred to in the law. A State is no longer required to ensure LEAs provide supplemental educational services, public school choice, or the attendant parental notice requirement but a state may choose to continue doing so. If the state decides to discontinue, they must submit a transition plan for doing so. Beginning in 2016-17 states are also not required to comply with the requirements regarding highly qualified teachers, the qualifications and duties for paraprofessionals, and use of funds to support compliance with the highly qualified teacher requirements.

Specifically the law will require states to demonstrate progress by implementing the following:

• States are required to set high standards so that children graduate high school ready for college and career.
• States must target resources towards what works to help schools improve, with a particular focus on the lowest-performing 5 percent of schools, high schools with high dropout rates, and schools where subgroups of students are struggling.
• States and local decision-makers are empowered to develop their own strong systems for school improvement based upon evidence, rather than imposing cookie-cutter federal solutions like No Child Left Behind (NCLB) did.
• While annual assessments are still required, states can reduce the often onerous burden of unnecessary and ineffective testing on students and teachers, making sure that standardized tests don’t crowd out teaching and learning.

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NMCEL Board Scheduled to Meet April 14, 2016

April 14, 2016, Proposed Agenda

- Call Meeting to Order
- Approval of Agenda
- Introduction of Board Members/Recognition of Affiliates & Announcements
- Discussion Items:
  - Legislative Update
  - Update on Scholarship Process
  - Conference Update
  - Update on Aspiring Principals Academy
  - NMCEL Retreat—Planning
  - Hall of Fame/Earl Nunn Memorial Nominations
- Action Items:
  - Request to Approve February 4, 2016 Minutes
  - Request to Approve Financial Statements through March 2016
- Reports:
  - Reports from Affiliates
  - Executive Director Report
  - Communication & Leadership Coordinator Report
  - Office Manager Report
  - Legislative Report
Rendón’s Reflections cont’d.

• States must provide more children access to high-quality preschool, giving them the chance to get a strong start to their education.
• The USED will establish new resources to test promising practices and replicate proven strategies that will drive opportunity and better outcomes for America’s students.

The points above are paraphrased from documents listed on the USED website regarding requirements for the new ESSA. These points only begin to scratch the surface. If you review all the requirements, you will notice that much of the implementation begins to take effect after the 2016-17 school year. Meanwhile, states are encouraged to establish ESSA transition teams to assist LEAs in both understanding the new mandates and creating a smooth transition at the local level. We have requested a seat at the table when such teams meet in New Mexico. If any of our members are invited to serve, we hope that you will keep the rest of us informed and allow us to provide input that you can share.

Thanks for all you do for the children of New Mexico.

Sincerely,

Dr. Gloria O. Rendón, NMCEL Executive Director

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NMCEL Summer Conference
Equity and Access Through Leadership

Featuring
Dr. Pedro Noguera, July 21, 2016
Eric Sheninger, July 22, 2016

Member — $225 Non-Member — $350

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Visit the NMCEL website for
Conference/Hotel Registration, Presenter Proposals
(Forms Included on pages 11 & 12)
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Aspiring Superintendents’ Academy

The Aspiring Superintendents’ Academy (ASA) is entering its eighth year of working with administrators who aspire to become superintendents in New Mexico school districts. This comprehensive and beneficial program allows participants to experience a curriculum designed to provide them with the requisites for success in a superintendent’s position. Participants in Cohort 7 were able to interact with experts covering an array of topics from building budgets to building solid relationships with board members and their communities. As a result, during their mock interviews with volunteer board members from various districts, they were touted as being exceptionally well prepared. Their program of study will be completed in June of this year. Past participants who have since become superintendents around New Mexico include Travis Dempsey, Cloudcroft; Susan Wilkinson-Davis, Vaughn; Ricky Williams, Hagerman; Lesa Dodd, Dexter; Richard Perea, Santa Rosa, Lillian Torrez, Taos; Bonnie Lightfoot, Roy; Ricky Espinoza, Carrizozo.

Applications are now available for the 2016-2017 school year. Interested individuals are required to complete the application and submit it electronically to NMCEL at asa2016-17@nmcel.org. A panel of administrators including members of previous cohorts will interview prospective candidates.

Applications are due by close of business on May 9, 2016 and applicants will be selected and notified by June 10, 2016.

Qualifying Criteria — Applicants must:

- Be a practicing school administrator in a New Mexico school;
- Have had five years successful administrative experience;
- Hold a valid New Mexico administrator’s license;
- Have the concurrence and support of the applicant’s superintendent;
- Commit to participating fully in all aspects of the program;
- Complete the application form and submit required documents;
- Participate in a panel interview prior to final selection mid June;
- If selected, pay the $250 registration fee.

The application is available on the NMCEL website. Interested parties may call the NMCEL office at 505-277-6986 for further information or if you have questions.
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Dr. Pedro Noguera to Keynote at MCEL Conference cont’d.

From 2009-2012 Dr. Noguera served as a Trustee for the State University of New York (SUNY) as an appointee of the Governor. He serves on the boards of numerous national and local organizations including the Economic Policy Institute, the Young Women’s Leadership Institute, The After School Corporations and The Nation Magazine. In 2013 he was appointed to the Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society and in 2014 he was appointed to the National Academy of Education. Dr. Noguera recently received awards from the Center for the Advanced Study of the Behavioral Sciences/Sage for outstanding achievement in advancing the understanding of the behavioral and social sciences as they are applied to pressing social issues, the National Association of Secondary Principals for distinguished service to the field of education, and from the McSilver Institute at NYU for his research and advocacy efforts aimed at fighting poverty.

Make Your Plans To Attend The Summer Conference!

In an effort to present a dynamic conference with topics that are at the forefront of educating our New Mexico children, we are already seeking presenters for the breakout sessions on July 21 & 22. Sample topics to consider:

- Strategies for Raising Student Achievement
- Strategies for District-wide Success for All Students
- Distributed Leadership to Meet Needs of Every Student, Every Day
- Next Generation Leadership: Building a Pipeline of Great School Leaders

Please submit your proposal for consideration no later than April 25, 2016. The conference Presenter Proposal Form can be accessed on the NMCEL website.
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- Executive Board Meetings:
  - April 14, 2016, CES
  - July 20, 2016, Embassy Suites
- Board Retreat, June 6-7, 2016, Taos
- Summer Conference, July 20-22, Embassy Suites, Albuquerque

Upcoming Events

NMAA

- Commission Meeting, May 18, 2016
- Board of Directors Meeting, June 1, 2016

NMASBO (www.nmasbo.org)

- Board Meeting, May 12, 2016, Web Conference Call
- Board Meeting, June 9, 2016, Web Conference Call

NMSSA (www.nmssa.org)

- Meeting at NMSBA Law Conference, June 3, 2016, Tentative Date
- Meeting at NMCEL Conference, July 21, 2016, Embassy Suites

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July 20 - July 22, 2016

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Address_______________________________________________________________________________

Phone________________ FAX___________________ E-mail____________________________________

Title of presentation:

Give a brief description of your presentation: (50 to 60 words please)

Other pertinent information:

AV Equipment: Presenters will provide own laptop and LCD projector.

***** PLEASE SUBMIT BY APRIL 25, 2016 *****

Email form to: 2016presentations@nmcel.org or

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NMCEL 2016 SUMMER CONFERENCE REGISTRATION
JULY 20 – 22, 2016
Embassy Suites, 1000 Woodward Pl. NE, Albuquerque, NM
Mail or fax this form to contact above or register online at: nmcel.org

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Early Registration (received by July 1, 2016)

Members* $225.00  Non-Members $350.00

All cancellations must be received in writing, fax or email.
A fee of $75.00 will be charged for cancellations received after July 1, 2016
No-shows will be billed full amount of registration fee.

Late Registration Fee (after July 1, 2016 - including walk-ins):
ADD $75.00 TO APPROPRIATE FEE ABOVE!

My conference fee is $_________ Method of Payment: [] PO# ______________
[] Please invoice. [] Check Enclosed

* Contact your superintendent’s office or the NMCEL office to check for membership status if you are not sure.
   After July 13th, only on-site registration accepted.

Hotel Reservations

Call Embassy Suites at 505-353-5381 and identify yourself as an attendee to the NM Coalition of Educational Leaders Conference in order to qualify for conference room rates of $115.

or

should you wish to reserve your room online please visit:
http://tinyurl.com/Hotel-Reg-Click-Here

before July 08, 2016!