



# National Alliance of Black School Educators



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*“WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN THE FACTS ARE NOT ENOUGH?”*

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### Overview

From ESEA in 1965, to NCLB in 2001 to President Obama’s Blueprint 2009, public education remains a major conversational thread among America’s citizenry and America’s polity. The issues and themes have varied little in the past and current decade.

On May 2, 2011, the National Alliance of Black School Educators will convene one of its national policy institutes to examine three of those themes: **Early Learning, Choice (vouchers and charters)** and **Federal Funding For Education**.

The purpose is to probe in-depth the perceptions, policy, political actions, the facts, and the reality “in the field and on the ground” surrounding these issues. NABSE believes the timing of this forum is critical. As the U.S. Congress debates and the public ruminates, NABSE will bring together practitioners, experts, and policy makers for a spirited and hard-hitting forum.

The institute is open to the public, however reservations are preferred. Please register by contacting either Ed Potillo at [epotillo@nabse.org](mailto:epotillo@nabse.org) or Derricka Davis at [ddavis@nabse.org](mailto:ddavis@nabse.org) or 1-800-221-2654.

### Agenda

**8:15 a.m. Coffee and Networking**

**9:00 a.m. Greetings**

Dr. Carrol Thomas, *President*, National Alliance of Black School Educators

**9:15 a.m. Overview of the Day and Moderator**

Dr. Joe A. Hairston, *Superintendent*, Baltimore County Public Schools

**9:30 a.m. Early Learning: Conversations**

• *What are the Actions and National Perceptions?*

Carol Day, *President*, National Black Child Development Institute

• *Just the Facts!*

Andrew Hysell, *Associate Vice President*, Policy and Advocacy, Save the Children Foundation

• *From the Field: Impact and Reality*

Dr. Betty A. Rosa, *Board Member*, New York State Board of Regents

**10:45 a.m. Vouchers as an Antidote to the Improvement of Public Education and the Closing of the Achievement Gap for Minority Children**

• *What are the Actions and National Perceptions?*

Earl Rickman, *Immediate Past President*, National School Boards Association

• *Just the Facts!*

Susan Nogan, *Senior Policy Analyst*, NEA Office of Educational Policy and Practice

• *From the Field: Impact and Reality*

Dr. Gregory Thornton, *Superintendent*, Milwaukee (WI) Public Schools

**12:00 p.m. The Federal Government Adequately Targets its Funding to Level the Playing Field for Poor and Underserved Children**

• *What are the Actions and National Perceptions?*

Bruce Hunter, *Associate Executive Director*, American Association of School Administrators

• *Just the Facts!*

Marty Strange, *Policy Director*, The Rural School and Community Trust

• *From the Field: Impact and Reality*

Horace Williams, *Superintendent*, Cedar Hill (TX) Independent School District

**1:30 p.m. Working Box Lunch**

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**2:15 p.m. The Facts Are...The Field Says... What Do We Do?**

*Moderator:*

Denise Forte, U.S. Department of Education

*Discussants:*

• Dr. Arlene Ackerman, *Superintendent*, Philadelphia (PA) Public Schools

• Dr. Eric Cooper, *President*, National Urban Alliance for Effective Education

• Sam Chaltain, *Senior Consultant*, Democracy. Learning. Voice.

• Ellin Nolan, *President*, Washington Partners LLC

**4:00–4:30 p.m. Attendee Commentary**

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