



NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF BLACK SCHOOL EDUCATORS

WHO SHOULD ATTEND OUR 52nd ANNUAL CONFERENCE?

Everyone who cares about the education of our nation's children, including NABSE members, supporters, superintendents, principals, school board members, education human resource professionals, deans, professors, education department heads, administrative/educational support staff, teachers, parents, retirees, curriculum specialists, students, clergy, employers, and job seekers.

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Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney President Dear NABSE Family,



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It is my profound honor to greet you as the President of the National Alliance of Black School Educators. We find ourselves at a critical juncture in education, where the role of Black educators has never been more essential. As we face new challenges and embrace emerging opportunities, I am filled with a deep sense of pride and purpose, knowing that we are united in our mission: to uplift our students, empower our teachers, and strengthen the communities we serve. This newsletter marks the beginning of an exciting journey, as we build upon the legacy of those who came before us and forge new paths to advance educational equity, excellence, and opportunity for all children.

At the same time, we cannot turn a blind eye to the challenges that confront public education today. There are those who continue to question its value and push for policies that would weaken our schools and marginalize our students. As candidates vie for the highest offices in the nation, we will witness whether the future of public schools—and the teaching profession itself—will be defended or disregarded. While some embrace their educators and champion the role of teachers, others seek to defund public education through vouchers or dismantle the U.S. Department of Education altogether. How these conversations evolve will undoubtedly shape the future of our schools, and we must remain vigilant.

But amid these uncertainties, our mission remains clear. Our students depend on us for the highest quality education in environments where they feel safe, seen, and supported. Our teachers deserve the tools, resources, and time they need to be effective, collaborative leaders in their classrooms. Our parents expect transparency and engagement as partners in their children's success. And our communities look to us as pillars of stability, hope, and progress. Regardless of the circumstances, we are equipped for these tasks, and we will meet them head-on with unwavering resolve. This is OUR future, and it is ours to shape.

As we press forward, NABSE will continue to stand by your side, supporting your work and amplifying your voices. We have an exciting slate of initiatives and events on the horizon to keep you inspired, engaged, and connected. Among these are our Coalition of Allies initiative and the highly anticipated 52nd International NABSE Conference in Atlanta. I encourage you to explore the details of these opportunities and to stay connected with the work we are doing.

Thank you for your dedication, your leadership, and your unwavering commitment to our shared mission. Together, we will continue to uplift and empower our students, teachers, and communities -today, tomorrow, and always.

EMPOWERING **BLACK EXCELLENCE:**

52nd Annual

Our Students, Our Future

Included in Registration

Your regular registration gives you access to

Welcome Reception General sessions Exhibitor Fair Concurrent Workshops Principal's Institute Job Fair Delegate Assembly (NABSE Members Only)

Celebrating Founders Event Research Round Table Higher Ed Strand Governance Strand Principals Symposium Superintendents Session

Demonstration Schools Legislative Session NABSE's Leading Ladies NABSE's Men of Iron **Ecumenical Service** Affiliate Greek Night Party

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<u>NABSE Coalition of Allies (COA)</u> "Advocating FOR Public Education" FAQs (2024-25)



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What is the Coalition of Allies?

 An alliance of organizations and individuals committed to advocate FOR public education in the USA and beyond throughout 2025.

Why is the Coalition of Allies being formed?

 Public education is the target of intensified attacks on the schooling system that serves the majority of U.S. children.

Why is NABSE convening the Coalition of Allies?

 NABSE believes that all advocates FOR public education must mobilize now to demystify what it means to educate "ALL."

What is the mission of the Coalition of Allies?

 To demonstrate massive advocacy FOR public education in every NABSE affiliate community in the U.S. and abroad.

What is the vision of the Coalition of Allies?

- To counter opposition to public education on every available communications platform

- To utilize the NABSE affiliate network to generate massive support for public education

What are essential core values of the Coalition of Allies?

- To promote and model inclusivity
- To illuminate the significance of serving "ALL"

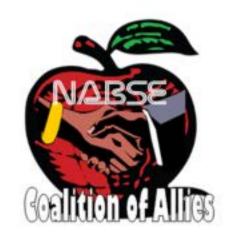
What are the primary goals of the Coalition of Allies?

- To produce the "receipts" FOR public education
- To package the "receipts" into a series of local events across the U.S. and abroad that showcase the significance of public education

Who should be invited to partner with NABSE's Coalition of Allies?

- Local chapters of the NAACP, Urban League, NAN, Divine 9 should co sponsor community events with the NABSE affiliate

NABSE Coalition of Allies (COA) "Advocating FOR Public Education"



| DATES | ACTIVITY/TIMELINE |
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| October 1, 2024 | Affiliate Presidents meet with Mr. Jacky Brown, Sr. for updates |
| | Affiliate Presidents receive Invitation-to-Partner letter |
| October 7 - 18, 2024 | Affiliate Presidents and Affiliate Design Team members meet to: |
| | (1) propose the organizations they will invite to partner(2) vision for the kind of event they want to host |
| October 21, 2024 | Affiliate Presidents will email the Invitation-to-Partner letter to organizations identified |
| October 28 – November 10, 2024 | Affiliate Presidents host Zoom meeting with invited local organizations |
| | Affiliate Design Team members participate in the Zoom call |
| November 20, 2024 NABSE Preconference/ATL | Affiliate Presidents and/or Affiliate Design Team members will report progress. |
| | Receive updates and next steps. |

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Literacy in the News



NAACP President and CEO Derrick Johnson speaks at the 115th NAACP National Convention at the Mandalay Bay Convention Center on July 16, 2024 in Las Vegas, Nevada. (Mario Tama/Getty Images)

Click <u>here</u> to read the entire NAACP Resolution to Support Every Child Reading by the First Grade, Mastery by the Third Grade

WHEREAS, educators and researchers have long recognized the importance of mastering reading early on in a child's education; and

National Big 6 Priorities

NABSE

Priority #1

WHEREAS, even though most studies and research concentrations have been focused on reading literacy by the third grade, it is apparent that the process for reading proficiency should begin much earlier and be satisfied by the end of the first grade in order to avoid the pitfalls associated with failure to achieve reading proficiency; and

WHEREAS, research has shown that children start developing the cognitive visual skills to identify the complex shapes of letters from as early as age two. With proper support, children can read their first words by age three and some can read simple sentences by age four. Almost all children can learn the alphabet and to read a few words before age six; and

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Click <u>here</u> to watch the trailer

SENTENCED

Sentenced

An exploration of the childhood illiteracy epidemic through a series of character driven stories. Narrated and produced by Olympic gold medalist Stephen Curry. Ak. Steph Curry

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Narrated by Stephen Curry, SENTENCED is filmed from the point of view of ethnically diverse adults and children who have never learned to read, the film is a forceful yet tender tale of how literacy can free children from the cycles of generational poverty.



White House Initiative on Advancing Educational Equity, Excellence, and Economic Opportunity for Black Americans

U.S. Department of Education

The White House Initiative on Advancing Educational Equity, Excellence, and Economic Opportunity for Black Americans



The White House Initiative on Advancing Educational Equity, Excellence, and Economic Opportunity for Black Americans (Initiative) was created to strengthen the nation by improving educational outcomes for Black Americans of all ages and to help ensure that this population would receive an education that prepares them for college and productive careers to contribute to the well being of society.

To date, the Initiative has focused on the following three guiding principles:

- To provide platforms for youth (and other impacted populations) to make recommendations regarding the policies, practices and programs designed to accelerate learning and development;
- 2. To highlight people, programs and practices facilitating the learning and development of African Americans students; and
- To serve as a liaison between and among communities supporting Black students of all ages.

Learn more at <u>https://sites.ed.gov/whblackinitiative/</u>

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Dreams of our Fathers

" I sincerely hope that NABSE will turn its attention to becoming more vigorous in its endeavors to support the educational achievement and school success of all children, and Black children in particular. NABSE must

become a force against the mediocrity and superficiality of schooling models and the existing programs in basic skills achievement and competency in reading, writing and arithmetic-and thinking-skills competency- all measured by standardized testing and all inhibiting and limiting to the real school achievement and life success of our children."



Writing on the furture of NABSE Dr. Russell Jackson 1987

