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Dear Education Stakeholder:

This letter is a follow-up to a 2018 call to action by The California Association of African American Superintendents and Administrators (CAAASA), to join them in addressing the absence of a centralized system or national policy related to educational equity. That call resulted in meetings in 2018 and 2019 in Washington, D.C. of like-minded individuals that included more than 40 national organizations, members of Congress, State Legislators, educational stakeholders, and many other vested partners, who shared information and resources related to equity and agreed to form the National Coalition on Educational Equity (NCOEE). Due to the pandemic, NCOEE was unable to hold additional in-person, national meetings, however, the work continued. One of the positive aspects of the work is that NCOEE formed its own 501c3.

As a continuation of its efforts, NCOEE, along with its partners, Indiana Council on Educating Students of Color, WestEd, National Council on Educating Black Children (NCEBC), and CAAASA will host the first NCOEE national conference from October 5 through October 7 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Entitled, “Equity in Action,” the conference will bring together educational stakeholders from across our nation who are committed to educational equity. Attendees will learn about and share transformational programs and practices to improve outcomes for students of color, marginalized students, and students with disabilities. The goal of the conference is to form a cohesive network of stakeholders who will, over time, develop a national plan for educational equity.

On behalf of CAAASA, NCOEE, and our partners, we would like to invite you to attend the conference. We are hopeful that you will join us in continuing important conversations that will lead to positive actions for African Americans, other marginalized students, and other students of color throughout our nation. Flyers are attached with information about the conference and sponsorship opportunities.

For more information, please visit our website at www.ncoee.org or email dwightbonds@caaasa.org

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