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NAESP NEWS

- **2021 National Leaders Conference** -- The decision was made to hold the conference remotely, stating "After extensive deliberation, NAESP's Board of Directors has made the difficult decision to implement a modified virtual format for the upcoming National Leaders Conference (NLC), February 21-24, 2021. NAESP's Board determined that moving forward with the in-person conference ran the risk of exposing attendees to the communicable disease, which would only be exacerbated if an attendee returned to his/her school community and passed it on to staff and students. Ultimately, the Board concluded that the only responsible move was to eliminate all potential risk to attendees."
- **NAESP's Centennial 2021** -- Pre-K—8 Principals Conference, July 8-10, Hyatt Regency Chicago
 - Registration is open <https://bit.ly/31wHy8G>
- **Leaders We Need Now Study** -- The study is to be conducted by NAESP and the American Institutes for Research (AIR). The study will engage 200 principals in dialogue about changes to their professional lives, priorities, and supports through the 2020-21 academic year, as public schools shift from pandemic response to recovery. Participants will help researchers understand what has changed and what the implications for the profession are going forward.

STATEMENTS

- **NAESP Congratulates Miguel Cardona on his Nomination for US Education Secretary**
The National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) congratulates former NAESP member and 2012 NAESP National Distinguished Principal Dr. Miguel A. Cardona on being nominated to serve as the next U.S. Secretary of Education.
- **NAESP Statement on Passage of Coronavirus Response Funding for Schools**
On behalf of elementary and middle school principals from across the country, the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) applauds the passage of the COVID-19 relief package, which includes \$54 billion in direct support for K-12 schools. The statement can be found [here](#).

MEMBER BENEFITS

- **Webinar Series**
 - **Implicit Bias Virtual Training** -- Unconscious and implicit racial biases can impact a school leader's ability to lead an equitable learning environment for all students. That is why NAESP is inviting participation in a two-part, virtual training on implicit bias.
 - **[Session I: A Primer on Implicit Racial Bias](#)**
 - *Thursday, Feb. 11, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. ET*
 - **[Session II: Mitigating Implicit Racial Bias in Schools](#)**
 - *Friday, March 5, 1:30 – 3 p.m. ET*

NAESP Connections

NAESP Connections will be a quarterly newsletter for all NAESP members. Please look forward to upcoming issues. As your NAESP State Rep it is my responsibility to provide input to NAESP from Connecticut principals. Listed below is my contact information. Please feel free to contact me with any questions, suggestions or ideas regarding issues important to you. I will do my best to relay the issues to our national association and our leaders in Washington. Your voice as a Connecticut principal will be heard!

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