



2008 Finalist District Superintendents

Wanda Bamberg, Ed.D., Aldine Independent School District superintendent

Dr. Wanda Bamberg has 31 years of experience in the field of education, 27 with the Aldine Independent School District. Bamberg began her teaching career in the Tuscaloosa County School District in Alabama, teaching middle and high school English. In 1982, Bamberg moved to the Houston area and joined Aldine, teaching middle school English and reading. She then served as the program director of middle school language arts before being promoted to director of curriculum and instruction for the entire district and then executive director of curriculum and instruction. Bamberg held the position of assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction for six years—including two years during which Aldine was named a Broad Prize finalist—prior to being appointed superintendent in 2007. She holds a bachelor's degree in secondary education and a master's degree in education from the University of Alabama, and supervision and mid-management certifications as well as a doctorate in educational leadership from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas. *For more information, please contact Mike Keeney at 281-985-6213, mkeeney@aldine.k12.tx.us.*

Alberto Carvalho, Miami-Dade County Public Schools superintendent

Alberto Carvalho was appointed superintendent of Miami-Dade County Public Schools, the nation's fourth-largest school district, in September 2008. Most recently Miami-Dade's associate superintendent overseeing intergovernmental affairs, grants, Title I and community services, Carvalho helped shape federal and state legislation affecting teaching and learning. Carvalho was also responsible for developing 10 compacts between Miami-Dade County and several municipalities that strengthened the partnerships between the school district and the city governments in its boundaries. After starting his 17-year career in the district as a science teacher, Carvalho was promoted to assistant principal, launching a long and distinguished career in administration, including service as the district's public information officer. Carvalho holds a bachelor's of science degree in biology and biomedical sciences from Barry University in Miami, where he graduated magna cum laude. He holds a master's degree in educational leadership from Florida's Nova Southeastern University, where he is currently a doctoral student in educational leadership. *For more information, please contact John Schuster at 305-995-1000, jschuster@dadeschools.net.*

Rudolph F. “Rudy” Crew, former Miami-Dade County Public Schools superintendent

Dr. Rudy Crew, a lifelong educator, served as superintendent of Miami-Dade County Public Schools from 2004 to 2008. Crew began his career as a teacher and then served as principal of several public schools in California. Crew moved into numerous district executive positions, including assistant superintendent for instruction and personnel for the Duarte Unified School District in California, deputy superintendent for curriculum and instruction for the Boston Public Schools, and deputy superintendent and chief operational officer for the Sacramento City Unified School District. In 1989, Crew became superintendent of the Sacramento City Unified School District. Then, in 1993, he was named superintendent of the Tacoma Public Schools in Washington. From 1995 to 1999, he served as chancellor of the nation’s largest school district, then called the New York City Board of Education. Before being tapped to lead Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Crew served as executive director of the Institute for K-12 Leadership at the University of Washington and as director of school district reform initiatives at the Stupski Foundation. Crew has received many awards, including The Executive Educator’s “Top 100 Educators in North America” in 1993, the NAACP’s “Educational Leadership Award,” the Association of California School Administrators “Administrator of the Year Award” in 1990 and most recently the American Association of School Administrators’ “National Superintendent of the Year” award in 2008. Crew earned his bachelor’s degree in management from Babson College in Wellesley, Mass. and his master’s degree in urban education and doctorate in educational administration from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. *For more information, please contact John Schuster at 305-995-1000, jschuster@dadeschools.net.*

Hector Gonzales, Brownsville Independent School District superintendent

Hector Gonzales was named superintendent of the Brownsville Independent School District in 2006. A Rio Grande Valley native, Gonzales has spent 28 years as a superintendent, administrator and teacher at schools and districts across South Texas. For more than 12 years, he has held top administrative positions in Brownsville. Prior to assuming the superintendency, Gonzales served as Brownsville’s assistant superintendent of operations, and from 2000 to 2001, he served as interim superintendent. Gonzales also served as superintendent of the Santa Maria Independent School District from 1995 to 1998. Previously, he held administrative and teaching positions in other South Texas districts, including Harlingen Consolidated Independent School District, United Independent School District and Laredo Independent School District. Gonzales began his education career as an instructor at Texas State Technical Institute and Laredo Junior College. He holds a bachelor’s degree in agriculture from Texas A & I University in Kingsville, a master’s degree in education from Corpus Christi State University, and a superintendent certification from the University of Texas-Pan American. *For more information, please contact Drue Brown at 956-548-8008, dbrown@bisd.us.*

James F. Notter, Broward County Public Schools superintendent

James Notter has served as superintendent of Broward County Public Schools, the nation's sixth-largest public school district. Notter began his career as an elementary and secondary school teacher for the Orleans Niagara Board of Cooperative Education Services in New York. He has served in public education for 36 years, including 26 years in administrative roles and 10 years as a classroom teacher in Western New York. Now in his 23rd year with Broward County Public Schools, Notter has served in a variety of capacities, including north central area superintendent, deputy superintendent and chief of staff. Notter received his bachelor's degree in education from the University at Buffalo and his master's degree in administration from Niagara University in Niagara Falls, N.Y. He completed postgraduate work at Florida International University and the University of Miami and is currently enrolled in the doctoral program for Organizational Leadership at Nova Southeastern University in Davie, Fla. *For more information, please contact Keith Bromery at 754-321-2300, keith.bromery@browardschools.com.*

Christopher J. Steinhauser, Long Beach Unified School District superintendent

Christopher J. Steinhauser, superintendent of the Long Beach Unified School District, is a long-time Long Beach resident and 27-year veteran educator in the local schools. Steinhauser began his career as a teacher at Roosevelt Elementary School, followed by roles as a program facilitator and vice principal at other Long Beach schools. As a principal, he led Signal Hill Elementary School to high student achievement, earning the school the distinction as "the miracle on Walnut Avenue." From 1993 to 1996, Steinhauser served as director of special projects services, and from 1996 to 1999, he was an area superintendent. He worked his way up to the position of deputy superintendent in 1999 before his unanimous appointment as superintendent in 2002. During his years as deputy superintendent, students in all major racial and ethnic groups throughout the district made unprecedented gains on rigorous state tests. Steinhauser, an alumnus of the Long Beach Unified School District, attended Long Beach City College and California State University Long Beach, earning a bachelor's degree in liberal studies and a master's degree in educational administration. *For more information, please contact Chris Eftychiou at 562-997-8250, ceftychiou@lbusd.k12.ca.us.*