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## **CBCF Marks Fifth Annual Professional Development Series for Educators**

### **Series Looks to Build Relationships with Multilingual Learners at Start of School Year**

Washington, DC – How do you create an educational space that is welcoming to everyone, that gives value to culture, and is inclusive in the broad sense of community? The Congressional Black Caucus Foundation (CBCF) along with the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) and the Delta Research and Educational Foundation (DREF) will begin the school year by bringing educators together to openly discuss what it means to support multi language learners, parents and communities.

In its fifth year, the CBCF Professional Development Series for Educators, will present six hours of certified instruction under the theme “Growing, Learning, Advocating,” from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm on September 11, 2019 at the Washington Convention Center. Collaborating with the AFT and DREF, this Series is available to K-12 educators from the private, public, community-based, home- based, and charter school systems and will address the following topics.

- **Supporting Multi Language Learners in Their Education Process**
- **Self-Care: Establishing Attitudes & Habits of Wellbeing and Restoration**
- **Social Emotional Learning & Literacy: Prioritizing Literacy**

“We are purposeful in giving platforms to real-time scenarios that are occurring in schools,” explained David Hinson, president and chief executive officer for CBCF. “As a trusted convener of information, CBCF has been able to construct a broad and diverse coalition of educators around shared outcomes. The solutions can have a large impact on in empowering communities, strengthening families and producing world class, competitive employment opportunities,” he said.

“We are keeping up with the times to equip our educators, particularly the more than 200 African American educators who are headed to DC to attend our professional development series, on ways to engage multilingual learners,” said Santiago Wood, Ph.D. executive director of the National Association for Bilingual Education (NABE) and will lead the multilingual discussion.

In addition, educators will participate in courageous conversations that correlate the impact that collective action/advocacy has on legislators through their specific questions.

“The Professional Development Series for Educators has permitted educators nationwide to employ CBCF as a medium to directly engage elected officials on federal and state levels about what is needed in public, private and charter schools,” said Hinson. “What began as a pilot program to address educators’ needs to acquire specific certification training while attending ALC is now a leading source of professional development and civic engagement for more than 1,000 educators from across the country.”

ALC is one of the most important public policy gatherings of African-Americans in the nation, touching more than 30,000 individuals. During the five-day conference ALC attendees have an opportunity to interface with educators, industry executives, community leaders, lawmakers and celebrities who are actively engaged in issues affecting the diverse African-American community.

To register for the Professional Development Series for Educators click here <http://cbcfinc.org/alcreg> and use the industry code PDS EDU1.

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