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Black and Latina Young Women and Girls Task Force Meeting

October 16, 2024

10:00 am – 11:00 am

Sheraton Dallas Hotel



Meeting Agenda

I. Introduction of Task Force Chair and Members

- Dr. Sharon Contreras, North Carolina A&T, College of Education, Taskforce Chair
- Dr. Stephanie Elizalde, Superintendent, Dallas Independent School District
- Kelly Gonez, Board Member, Los Angeles Unified School District
- Dr. Shavonna Holman, Board Member, Omaha Public Schools
- Dr. Aleesia Johnson, Superintendent, Indianapolis Public Schools

II. Opening Remarks

- Dr. Sharon Contreras, North Carolina A&T, College of Education, Taskforce Chair

III. Empowering Future Leaders: The Impact of the Irma Rangel Young Women's Leadership School on Latina and African American Females in STEM

This presentation will highlight the transformative impact of the Irma Rangel Young Women's Leadership School (IRYWL) on fostering leadership and STEM opportunities for Latina and African American females. Part of the Dallas Independent School District, IRYWL is the first all-girls public school in the state of Texas.

For the past two decades, Irma Rangel YWLS has been committed to empowering young women through an innovative educational framework grounded in three key pillars developed in collaboration with the Young Women's Preparatory Network (YWPB): College Readiness, Responsible Leadership, and Personal Wellness. This presentation will showcase success stories, demonstrate the school's impact, and discuss the strategies that have established IRYWL as a source of hope and opportunity for young Latinas and African American females. We welcome conferees to learn how IRYWL is building a strong foundation for the next generation of women leaders and innovators.

- Yvonne D. Rojas, Principal, Irma Rangel Young Women's Leadership School
- Alyssa Robert, Senior, Class of 2025, Irma Rangel Young Women's Leadership School
- Jenena Bottinelli, Senior, Class of 2025, Irma Rangel Young Women's Leadership School
- Lynn McBee, CEO, Young Women's Preparatory Network

III. Question and Answers

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