Equity Leadership Forum
Shaping the Future of English Language Learners

Thursday, March 14, 2024
6 to 7:30 p.m.
Frederick Douglass Commons,
Feldman Ballroom,
University of Rochester’s River Campus
740 Library Road
Rochester, NY

What to Expect? Engage in a transformative discussion with a distinguished panel of federal and state educational leaders and policymakers exploring the challenges and opportunities in public schools across New York State and nationwide. Join the conversation on preparing educational leaders and school systems to address the growing enrollment of language-diverse student populations, immigrant students and non-English speaking youth. The forum will delve into pivotal topics, including the vital role of the U.S. Department of Education and New York State Education Department in supporting English language learners, national and state-level policies, and proven practices for English language learners in schools.

Panel Experts

Chris Soto
Senior Advisor to U.S. Secretary of Education, Dr. Miguel Cardona,
U.S. Department of Education

Montserrat Garibay
Assistant Deputy Secretary & Director for the Office of English Language Acquisition,
U.S. Department of Education

Elisa Alvarez
Associate Commissioner for the Office of Bilingual Education and World Languages,
New York State Education Department

Diane Wynne
Executive Director of the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion,
New York State Education Department

Moderated by Manuel J. Rivera,
Associate Professor of Educational Leadership at the Warner School of Education and former K-12 school superintendent. Opening remarks from Sarah Peyre, Dean of the Warner School, and Shaun Nelms, Vice President for Community Partnerships at the University of Rochester, and the William and Sheila Konar Director of the Center for Urban Education Success.

The event is presented by the K-12 Educational Leadership Department at the Warner School of Education.