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DR. RUDY CREW FEATURED ON DISTRICT LEADERS PODCAST

Award-winning superintendent discusses Miami-Dade's system-wide efforts for improvement and the rewards of serving individuals and communities

NEW YORK, September 2, 2008 – Dr. Rudy Crew, superintendent of the Miami-Dade County Public Schools and 2008 winner of the American Association School Administrators' National Superintendent of the Year award, recently participated in a conversation about strategies for improving schools and his vision for school leadership on DistrictLeadersPodcast.org. This Web site provides a lively, informative and easily accessible forum for school superintendents and other educational leaders.

During the interview, which is now available for downloading on the DistrictLeadersPodcast.org website, Dr. Crew discusses how he is transforming Miami-Dade through such innovations as The Parent Academy, the School Improvement Zone, and Secondary School Reform initiative.

Since July 2004, Dr. Crew has been superintendent of the nation's fourth-largest school district. He has served as director of district reform initiatives at the Stupski Foundation and as executive director of the Institute for K-12 Leadership. Dr. Crew is a nationally acclaimed educator and author with an extensive repertoire of honors, including the Florida Association of Partners in Education Superintendent's Award and the Spirit of Excellence Award from Minority Development & Empowerment Inc.

District Leader's Podcast host Carolyn Pearson facilitated the discussion. "As a former student and teacher in Dr. Crew's system, I was honored and excited to be hosting the interview. His initiatives are receiving national recognition and his transparency is engaging," Pearson said.

About DistrictLeadersPodcast.org

The District Leader's Podcast team is passionate about education and deeply committed to student success. The site serves as a valuable tool for anyone interested in improving America's schools. District Leader's Podcast is sponsored by McGraw-Hill Education's Urban Advisory Resource comprising former education leaders and other experts with extensive experience in managing large school districts. It is produced by TeachersPodcast.org, a professional development resource for educators with an audience of nearly 4 million listeners.

The podcast is currently listed on iTunes as "New and Notable" for K-12 Education. Past guests have included well-known industry leaders, including Dr. Henry Johnson, former Assistant Secretary of Education for the U.S. Department of Education; Dr. Jack Bierwirth, superintendent of Schools for Long Island's Herricks School District; and Dr. Earl Watkins, superintendent of Jackson Public Schools

The only national podcast created expressly for district leaders, District Leader's Podcast is features topics that include: Making the Tough Decisions, Improving Student Performance, Urban Education, Trends in Education, and Leadership.

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