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**BOOST CONFERENCE**  
**APRIL 22-25, 2009**  
**Palm Spings Convention Center**  
**Palm Spings, California**

**CONFERENCE UPDATES**

Good Morning Friends,

It is a new day in America- a time to reflect, a time to come together, and a time to create change. We invite you to take the annual pilgrimage to Palm Springs along with thousands of national leaders to learn, network, and be inspired to create change in your communities.

We look forward to seeing you again or meeting you for the first time.

Sincerely,

Tia Quinn  
 Executive Director  
 BOOST Collaborative





## BOOST BUDDY OF THE WEEK



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## BOOST KEYNOTE: Dr. Pedro Noguera- Closing the Achievement Gap

Pedro Noguera is one of America's most important voices for healthy public education. An expert on school reform, diversity, and the achievement gap, he is currently a professor at the Steinhardt School of Education at New York



University. He is also a part-time high school teacher, the author of several groundbreaking texts, a regular guest on CNN, and a dynamic speaker who translates social theory into concise, hip language with emotional impact and intellectual rigor.

Pedro Noguera is the Director of the Metropolitan Center for Urban Education, and has been a professor at the graduate schools of both Harvard and the University of California, Berkeley. He is the author of several books, including the seminal *City Schools* and the *American Dream: Reclaiming The Promise of Public Education* and *Unfinished Business: Closing the Racial Achievement Gap in Our Schools*. He has also engaged in collaborative research with large urban school districts. Recently, he helped launch, A Broader, Bolder Approach to Education, a group of public policy experts in various fields (housing, education, civil rights), and from across the political spectrum, working to break a decades-long cycle of reform efforts that promised much and have achieved far too little. The group works in areas that research shows must be addressed if we are to keep our promises to all of America's children.

Please view these websites to learn more about the great work of Dr. Pedro Noguera:

[NYU Steinhardt School of Culture, Education and Human Development](#)

[In Motion Magazine](#)

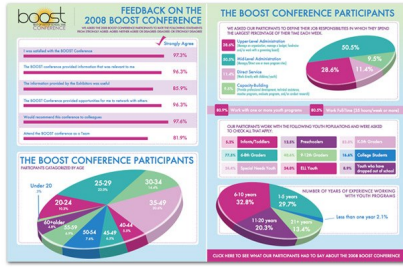
**Pedro will also be conducting a book signing and a 2-hour workshop on Reforming Public High Schools: The Greatest Educational Challenge.**



## 2008 HIGHLIGHTS

We surveyed participants who attended the 2008 BOOST Conference and received amazing feedback! [Click here](#) to see the ages, job responsibilities, youth population served by BOOST participants, as well as years of

experience.



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