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U.S. Department of Education Community Outreach Director Alberto Retana Visits Camden

On Thursday, September 30, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. U.S. Department of Education's Director of Community Outreach Alberto Retana will be the guest speaker for the Camden Board of Education's Parent/Community Engagement Day at the Octavius V. Catto Community School, 3100 Westfield Avenue, Camden, New Jersey.

Sponsored by the Camden Board of Education's Parental Involvement Committee, Mr. Retana will meet with parents, principals, administrators, Camden City Mayor Dana Redd, and the Camden community. The Parent/Community Engagement Day will include discussions about increased parental and community involvement, closing the achievement gap, and President Obama's education goals on improving education as it relates to programs and initiatives of the U.S. Department of Education.

Following the community meeting, Mr. Retana will tour the adjoining Boys And Girls Club of Camden County where he will view a presentation on Obesity by the district's Food Service provider **ARAMARK**. After lunch, the Director Retana will engage elementary school students from Catto, Wiggins, Forest Hill and Cramer through Distance Learning Technology. From 2:10 p.m. until 3:15 p.m., at CCS-TV Channel 19, high school students will engage in a youth "*Speak Out*" session with Director Retana and moderated by Loraine Ballard-Morrill, Commentator-News and Community Director at Clear Channel on the "*Effects of Student Educational Climate in Camden, New Jersey.*"

Director Retana will complete his day in Camden by visiting the Camden Housing Authority's YouthBuild Training Program, 1700 Federal Street, Camden, New Jersey from 3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. and at 5:00 p.m. attend a scheduled AD HOC Committee meeting about the rejuvenation of Camden High School's Athletic Field and other school related venues at the Odessa Paulk-Jones Community Center.

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