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February 13, 2015

To The Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

Please note the letter dated February 4, 2015 for the nomination of Pedro A. Rivera II, 1321 Quarry Lane, Lancaster 17603, Lancaster County, Thirteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Secretary of Education, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2019, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice The Honorable Carolyn Dumaresq, Harrisburg, resigned, should be corrected to read:

Pedro Rivera II, 1321 Quarry Lane, Lancaster 17603, Lancaster County, Thirteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Secretary of Education, to serve for a term of four years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice The Honorable Carolyn Dumaresq, Harrisburg, resigned.

SENATE NOMINATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Information on Nominee for appointment to:

Secretary of Education

Please type or print clearly

Today's Date 2/24/15

Section 207.1 (g) of The Administrative Code of 1929 requires the Governor to submit the following information concerning each Nominee for positions, that require advice and consent of the Senate of Pennsylvania

Full Name: Pedro Alexander Rivera
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Voting Address (home): 1321 Quarry Lane
Lancaster PA 17603
(City) (State) (Zip Code)
717 672-0337
(Area Code) (Telephone)

Business Address: 333 Market Street
(if any) Harrisburg PA 17126-0333
(City) (State) (Zip Code)
717 783-9780
(Area Code) (Telephone)

Employer Address: 333 Market Street
(if any) Harrisburg PA 17126-0333
(City) (State) (Zip Code)
717 783-9780
(Area Code) (Telephone)

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* Please answer ALL Questions- If None, please put "none" or "n/a"

Public Office/Public Position held by Nominees during the *past 10 years*:

See attached list.

Party Registration: Democrat

Offices held in Political Parties during the *past 10 years*: N/A

Has Nominee been convicted of any violation of Law?

Yes

No

If Yes, please explain (if necessary, attach additional paper) N/A

Date of Birth: 7/19/72

***** THIS FORM NEEDS TO BE A SWORN STATEMENT, PLEASE HAVE THIS FORM NOTARIZED*****

Signature:
(nominee)

Taken, sworn and subscribed before me this 25th day of February A.D. 20 15.

(Seal)



Carol J. Hrobak
Signature of Notary

Pedro Rivera

Acting Secretary of Education

Senate Nomination Questionnaire Addendum (2/18/15)

Public Office/Public Position held by Nominees during the past 10 years:

- b. Acting/Deputy Secretary of Education
- c. State Board of Education, Member
- d. The Pennsylvania State University Board of Trustees, Member
- e. University of Pittsburgh Board of Trustees, Member
- f. Temple University Board of Trustees, Member
- g. Lincoln University Board of Trustees, Member
- h. PA State System of Higher Education (PASSHE), Member
- i. PA Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA), Member
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- n. Workforce Investment Board (WIB), Member
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- p. PA Higher Education Facilities Authority, Member
- q. Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority (BFTDA), Member
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- v. Special Education Funding Formula Commission, Member
- w. Education Commission of the States, Member
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- y. Farm Show Commission, Member
- z. Governor's Advisory Council on Veterans' Services, Member
- aa. Governor's Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities, Member
- bb. Advisory Committee on Homelessness in PA, Member
- cc. Basic Education Funding Commission, Member
- dd. PA Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA), Member
- ee. PA Department of Education/National School Turnaround Group, Board Member
- ff. PA Department of Education/Race to the Top Strategic Planning Team, Member
- gg. Harrisburg Area Community College/Community Advisory Committee Member
- hh. Lancaster Career & Technology Center, Superintendent of Record
- ii. Lancaster School District, Superintendent
- jj. School District of Philadelphia: Executive Director, Employee Entry/Executive Director/High Schools/Special Assistant to the CEO, Union Relations

Pedro A. Rivera II
1321 Quarry lane
Lancaster, PA 17603
267-784-6894
Pedroarivera2@gmail.com

Professional Experience:

1/15 – Present **Acting Secretary of Education, Commonwealth of PA**

6/08-Present **Superintendent**
School District of Lancaster

6/10-6/12 **Superintendent of Record**
Lancaster County Career and Technical Education Center
251 S. Prince St. 4th Floor
Lancaster, PA 17603
www.lancaster.k12.pa.us

Oversee an annual operating budget of \$186 million, the instruction and operations of an urban school district serving 11,500 culturally, linguistically and socio-economically diverse students in 23 school buildings. Demographics include; 59% Latino, 18% African American, 14% Caucasian and 9% Asian/Pacific Islander. Special services include 87% free and reduced lunch, 16% English language learners, 18.5% Students with IEP's and 1000+ homeless families.

Served as Superintendent of Record for four (4) career and technical education centers serving students from 12 Lancaster County school districts.

1/13-present **Adjunct Professor**
EDLD 798-799 (Principal's Practicum)
Millersville University
1 S. George St
Millersville, PA 17551

Provided performance based clinical experiences for educators seeking PK-12 Curriculum and Instruction Supervisory Certification and/or PK-12 Principal Certification through the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

7/06-6/08 **Executive Director, Employee Entry**
Executive Director, High Schools
Special Assistant to the CEO, Union Relations
School District of Philadelphia
440 N. Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19130

Oversaw the operations of the office of employee entry, primarily the recruitment, placement, certification and retention of all professional, paraprofessional and non-instructional staff. Managed staffing and employee placement for 283 elementary, middle and high schools; central administrative offices; and local educational management providers.

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Oversaw operations of the Office of Secondary Education providing service and direct management of 62 district managed small (<700), medium (700-1000), large (>1000) high schools and 20 charter high schools. The School District of Philadelphia high schools educate 56,091 students consisting of 66% African American, 15% Latino, 14% Caucasian and 5% Asian, while 76% are eligible for free or reduced lunch.

Acted as liaison to The Philadelphia Federation of Teachers (PFT) and The Commonwealth Association of School Administrators (CASA) regarding labor relations, educational, contractual issues and negotiations.

1/06-6/08
Adjunct Professor
ED 649 (Superintendent's Practicum)
Arcadia University
450 South Easton Road
Glenside, PA 19038

Provided instruction to Superintendent's letter of eligibility candidates, assigned job readiness experiences aligned with the Pennsylvania State Educational Standards.

8/03-7/06
Principal
Philip H. Sheridan Elementary School
The School District of Philadelphia
800 East Ontario Street
Philadelphia, PA 19134

Facilitated the operations, services and educational programs of a large elementary school serving 1,013 students from diverse backgrounds. 92% of the student population qualified for free or reduced lunch, 16% were English Language Learners and 12% received instruction according to an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) with over 100 professional and paraprofessional educators and a budget of over \$7 million. Over three years, we established community and university partnerships, while showing documented academic success on standardized tests and ongoing district assessments.

6/05-6/07
Adjunct Professor
Holy Family University
1311 Bristol Pike
Bensalem, PA 19020

Established and maintained a working relationship between administrators from Holy Family University and Pontificia Universidad Católica in Ponce, Puerto Rico. Participated in the writing and implementation of the EDUC 598, where School District of Philadelphia teachers were taken to Puerto Rico and participated in Spanish language courses and cultural immersion activities.

9/02-8/03
Assistant Principal
Kensington High School
2051 East Cumberland Street
Philadelphia, PA 19125

Member of a three-person administrative team responsible for the instructional programs and logistical operations of a racially diverse high school in the Central East Region, serving over 1400 students with 120 staff members and a budget of over \$9 million. Solely responsible for the re-establishment and maintenance of a credit recovery

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program for over-aged students utilizing ASPIRA Inc. of PA, a community-based organization and The School District of Philadelphia curriculum office.

1/01-8/04
Adjunct Professor
La Salle University
1900 West Olney Ave
Philadelphia, PA 19141

Taught conversational English to English as a Second Language students and professionals working towards their Pennsylvania teaching certificate.

8/99-9/02
Staff Representative
Philadelphia Federation of Teachers
1801 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103
AFL-CIO Board member
AFT Delegate
AFT Latino Caucus, Co-Founder

Responsible for representing PFT members and enforcing the contract agreed upon by the Federation and Administrators within the Philadelphia School District. Primary responsibilities included representing teachers and paraprofessionals in 37 elementary, middle and high schools.

9/97-6/99
Bilingual/ESOL Coordinator
Kensington High School
The School District of Philadelphia
2051 East Cumberland Street
Philadelphia, PA 19125
Philadelphia Federation of Teachers union representative
AFL/CIO Board member
Spanish teacher

Provided English as a Second Language instruction to high school students while managing the budget, materials and instructional support for the small learning community, which educated over 200 English language learners from the Caribbean, South America, Albania and the Middle East.

10/97-5/98
GED/ESL Instructor
ASPIRA Inc. of PA
4322 North 5th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19140

Provided general studies instruction for adults testing for their General Equivalency Diploma (GED).

9/96-6/97
Teacher
Finletter Academic Elementary School
The School District of Philadelphia
6100 North Front Street
Philadelphia, PA 19120

Provided science and literacy instruction to 7th and 8th grade students.

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Education:

7/2014-present **University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA**
Doctorate in Educational Leadership
1/05-1/06 **Arcadia University, Glenside, PA**
Superintendent's Letter of Eligibility
10/98-6/01 **Cheyney University, Cheyney, PA**
Masters/Certification in Education Administration
7/96-5/98 **Temple University, Philadelphia, PA**
Certification in Elementary Education
8/90-5/96 **The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA**
Bachelor of Science in Secondary Spanish Education
1/94-6/94 **Universidad Inter-Americana, San German, PR**

Professional Affiliations:

Current **Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents (ALAS), Executive Board Secretary, President Elect**
Pennsylvania League of Urban Superintendents, Past President, Secretary
American Association of School Administrators (AASA), Board of Governors
Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators, Legislative Representative
Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD)
Current Committees **Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) LEA representative on the National School Turn Around Group**
Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) LEA representative on the Race to the Top (RTT) strategic planning team
National Community Schools Leadership team
Past Affiliations **Philadelphia Association of Hispanic School Administrators (PAHSA), President**
The Schoolmen's Club of Philadelphia
United Way Labor/Community Board
Teamsters Union/CASA Local 502, Steward

Community/City Affiliations:

Current **United Way of PA, Board member**
Lancaster City Alliance, Board member
Lancaster Education Foundation, Board member
Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC), community advisory committee member
Coalition to End Homelessness
Rotary Club of Lancaster
Past **Philadelphia Financial Management Corporation (PFMC), Board member (Philadelphia Mayor Nutter Appointment)**
Economic Development Corporation (EDC), Board Member

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Honors:

White House, Champion of Change - 2014
Orgullo Hispano Award, Lancaster, PA - 2014
Millersville University, Millersville, PA, Distinguished Education Award - 2014
United Way, Lancaster, PA, Director's Award - 2012
LLAOP, Boss of the year, Lancaster/Lebanon, PA - 2012
Citation from PA House of Representatives for community service - 2012
Impacto Latino, 10 under 40, Most Influential Latinos in the Delaware County - 2010
Lancaster Latino Education Committee, Pioneer Award - 2008
PAHSA, Administrator of the year - 2008
Gamma Phi Sigma, Hermano of the year award for community service - 2000
ASPIRA Club of the year - 1998
Citation from City Council of Philadelphia for community service - 1998
Unsung Heroes Community Service, Education and Training Award, Philadelphia, PA - 1998

Abilities:

Professional development provider for effective community, media and school board communications.
Trained in Leadership Development.
Certificate in emergency response management.
Fluent in Spanish.
Ability to work well with others and highly motivated.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS

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02 ADDRESS office (business or governmental) or home City State Zip Code Area Code Phone

PA Department of Education, 333 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA 17126 (717) 783-9780

NOTE: IF YOU ARE INCLUDING ATTACHMENTS, DO NOT INCLUDE ANYTHING THAT BEARS YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OR FINANCIAL ACCOUNT NUMBERS.

03 STATUS Check applicable block or blocks, more than one block may be marked. (See instructions on page 2)

A Candidate (including write-in) C Public Official (Current) D Public Employee (Current) E Check this block if you are filing as a solicitor

B Nominee C Public Official (Former) D Public Employee (Former)

Check this block if you are amending an original filing

04 PUBLIC POSITION OR PUBLIC OFFICE (administrator, member, Commissioner, job title, etc.) seeking hold held

A Secretary of Education seeking hold held

B Acting Secretary of Education

05 GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY in which you are/were an Official, Employee, Candidate or Nominee (e.g., dept, agency, authority, borough, board, commission, county, school district, twp, etc.)

A PA Department of Education

B PA Department of Education

06 OCCUPATION OR PROFESSION (This may be the same as block 4) 07 YEAR Indicate calendar year for which form is being filed. SEE INSTRUCTIONS.

Acting Secretary of Education 2014

08 REAL ESTATE INTERESTS (See instructions on page 2) If NONE, check this box.

09 CREDITORS (See instructions on page 2). Creditor (Name and Address) If NONE, check this box.

Name: Honda Auto	Address: PO Box 7829, Philadelphia, PA 19101	Interest Rate: 2.0%
MetLife	PO Box 41753, Philadelphia, PA 19101	3.5%

10 DIRECT OR INDIRECT SOURCES OF INCOME including (but not limited to) all employment. (See instructions on pg. 2) ONLY IF NONE, check this block.

Name: School District of Lancaster	Address: 251 South Prince Street, Lancaster, PA 17603	(OFFICIAL USE ONLY)
Millersville University	1 South George Street, Millersville, PA 17551	

11 GIFTS (See instructions on page 2) If NONE, check this box.

Source of Gift _____ Value of Gift _____

Address of Source of Gift _____ Circumstances (including description) of Gift _____

12 TRANSPORTATION, LODGING, HOSPITALITY (See instructions on page 2) If NONE, check this box. See attached Value _____

Source (Name and Address) _____

13 OFFICE, DIRECTORSHIP, OR EMPLOYMENT IN ANY BUSINESS (See instructions on page 2) If NONE, check this box.

Business Entity (Name and Address) See attached

Name: _____ Address: _____

14 FINANCIAL INTEREST IN ANY LEGAL ENTITY IN BUSINESS FOR PROFIT (See instructions on page 2) If NONE, check this box.

Name and Address of Business _____

15 BUSINESS INTERESTS TRANSFERRED TO IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER (See instructions on page 2) If NONE, check this box.

Business (Name and Address) _____

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Interest Held _____ Relationship _____ Date Transferred _____

The undersigned hereby affirms that the foregoing information is true and correct to the best of said person's knowledge, information and belief; said affirmation being made subject to the penalties prescribed by 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904 (unsworn falsification to authorities) and the Public Official and Employee Ethics Act, 65 Pa.C.S. § 1106(b).

Signature [Signature] Enter Current Date 2/25/15

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Statement of Financial Interest Addendum (2/24/15)

Section 4 – Public Office

- c. Acting Deputy Secretary of Education (Hold)
- d. State Board of Education, Member (Hold)
- e. The Pennsylvania State University Board of Trustees, Member (Hold)
- f. University of Pittsburgh Board of Trustees, Member (Hold)
- g. Temple University Board of Trustees, Member (Hold)
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- r. Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority (BFTDA), Member (Hold)
- s. Charter Schools Appeal Board, Chair (Hold)
- t. PennServe (under Dept. of Labor & Industry), Member (Hold)
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- bb. Governor's Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities, Member (Hold)
- cc. Advisory Committee on Homelessness in PA, Member (Hold)
- dd. Basic Education Funding Commission, Member (Hold)
- ee. PA Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA), Member (Hold)
- ff. Lancaster School District, Superintendent (HELD)
- gg. Member, National School Turnaround Group (Held)
- hh. Member, Race to the Top Strategic Planning Team (Held)
- ii. Member, Community Advisory Committee (Held)

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Section 5 – Governmental Entity

- c. Pennsylvania Department of Education
- d. State Board of Education
- e. The Pennsylvania State University Board of Trustees
- f. University of Pittsburgh Board of Trustees
- g. Temple University Board of Trustees
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- ii. Harrisburg Area Community College

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Section 12 (Transportation, Lodging, and Hospitality)

Education Research and Development Institute (ERDI)
15447 Gougar Road
Homer Glen, IL 60491
Cost: Transportation and Lodging: \$1,200.00

Association of Latino Administrators
PO Box 65204, Washington, DC 20035
Cost: Transportation and Lodging: \$825.00

Section 13 (Office, Directorship, or Employment in any Business)

1. Name: Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents
Address: PO Box 65204, Washington, DC 20035
Position: Executive Board Secretary, President-Elect
2. Name: Pennsylvania League of Urban Schools
Address: 2608 Market Place, Harrisburg, PA 17110
Position: Officer
3. Name: American Association of School Administrators
Address: 1615 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314
Position: Member, Board of Governors
4. Name: Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators
Address: 2608 Market Place, Harrisburg, PA 17110
Position: Legislative Representative
5. Name: National Community Schools Leadership Network
Address: 4301 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20008
Position: Committee Member
6. Name: Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development
Address: 1730 North Beauregard Street, Alexandria, VA 22311
Position: Member
7. Name: United Way of Lancaster
Address: 630 Janet Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17601
Position: Board Member

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Position: Board Member
9. Name: Lancaster Education Foundation
Address: 445 North Reservoir Street, Lancaster, PA 17602
Position: Board Member
10. Lancaster Career & Technology Center
Address: PO Box 527, Willow Street, 17584
Position: Superintendent of Record
11. Philadelphia Financial Management Company
Address: 2547 Yellow Springs Road, Malvern, PA 19355
Position: Board Member
12. Millersville University
Address: 1 South George Street, Millersville, PA 17551
Position: Adjunct Professor

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