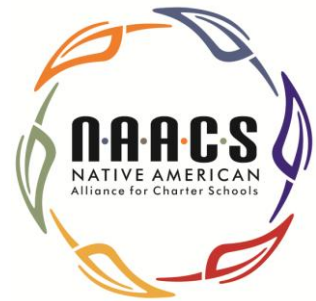




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**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**APRIL 21-22, 2010**

**HARD ROCK CASINO & HOTEL**

**2010 National Conference for Native American Charter & Self-Determined Schools**  
**Creating Excellence • Honoring Traditions**

Join us on April 21-22, 2010 for the **2010 National Conference for Native American Charter & Self-Determined Schools**. Native charter schools, language & culture based schools, and other self-determined schools will share best practices and address policy issues in teaching and learning, school finance, facility acquisition, personnel, all while helping others to start Native-based public schools options.

**Day One (April 21<sup>st</sup>):** Student attendees will participate in activities at three local Native charter schools. Elders, Teachers, and Administrators will share best practices, address policy issues and serve as role models to tribes and organizations exploring public school options.

**Day Two (April 22<sup>nd</sup>):** Elders, Teachers and Administrators observe as Native students share their experiences from their respective schools. Videos about Native charters and other self-determined schools will continuously play in one of the ballrooms.

**Conference Fees**

**Early Bird**

Students: \$99  
Adults: \$179  
Tribal Elders (+55): \$99

**Groups of 5 or more (must register by April 2, 2010)**

Students: \$79  
Adults: \$159  
Tribal Elders (+55): \$79

**Regular Pricing – Beginning April 3, 2010**

Students: \$149  
Adults: \$229  
Tribal Elders (+55): \$149

•For additional conference details and updates, go to [www.nativeeducation.org](http://www.nativeeducation.org) or [www.nmccs.org](http://www.nmccs.org). For more information, call: (505) 842-8203 or email [alexis@nmccs.org](mailto:alexis@nmccs.org); [alicia@nmccs.org](mailto:alicia@nmccs.org) or Dr. Mary Jiron Belgarde: [belgarde@unm.edu](mailto:belgarde@unm.edu).

•Beginning February 2010, rooms at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino will be available at the special rate of \$99. Use code **NCP0410**. Phone: 1-877-747-5382 or 1.877.7ISLETA. RV Park available for \$30/night.

**Featured Speakers:**

**Ku Kahakalau:** (Native Hawaiian)

*Co-founder of Na Lei Na'auao – Native Hawaiian Charter School Alliance, Ku has been on the forefront of leading Indigenous educational reform not just in Hawaii but worldwide. Ku is a Hawaiian educator, researcher, songwriter, native practitioner, and expert in Hawaiian language, history and culture, founder and president of the Kanu o ka 'Aina Learning Center*

**Joe Garcia:** (Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo) *Mr. Garcia is the former President of the National Congress of American Indians and Chairman of the All Indian Pueblo Council.*

**Regis Pecos:** (Cochiti Pueblo) *Mr. Pecos is Chief of Staff for the NM Speaker of the House and Co-founder and Co-director of the New Mexico Leadership Institute.*

**Dean Kern:** *Mr. Kern came to the U.S. Department of Education in 2002 as the Director of the Charter Schools Program for the purpose of increasing the national understanding of the charter school model and expanding the number of high-quality charter schools. Mr. Kern oversees a portfolio of discretionary grant programs that expand and support high-quality public school choice and parental options. Mr. Kern serves as the Department's resource on national public school choice policy, research, innovation, and technical assistance.*

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND:** Operators, teachers, supporters and students involved with Native charter, public schools, private and other self-determined schools who desire to share their successes and address policy needs and concerns.

We encourage these schools to participate and serve as role models to other tribes and organizations who want to create quality positive public school options for urban and rural Native students.

*The Gathering of Nations Pow-Wow is held April 22-24, 2010 beginning with the Miss Indian World Traditional Talent Presentation & Show on April 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the Albuquerque Convention Center. Doors open at 6:00.*