Sunday, October 23

5:00 PM  Opening reception
Hosted by AASA and ABCmouse for Schools

Monday, October 24

8:00–8:15 AM  Welcome to the AASA Summit on Early Childhood Learning

Debra Kerr, Head of U.S. Sales, ABCmouse for Schools
Mort Sherman, Associate Executive Director, AASA
Welcoming remarks and an introduction of ABCmouse for Schools and AASA executives in attendance.

8:15–9:15 AM  A Big-Picture Perspective
Keynote Speaker:
Superintendent Alberto Carvalho, Miami-Dade County Public Schools
Superintendent Carvalho will share his experiences specific to the impact of early childhood education within the Miami-Dade County Public School District. He will speak on the demographics of the early childhood population in his district and provide a picture of what has been needed to secure appropriate services to this group of children.

9:15–10:45 AM  Early Education Ignite Sessions... Present, Participate, and Process
In Practice... How and Why Does It Work or Not Work? Three superintendents representing different parts of the country and different school demographics, including Dr. Khalid Mumin, Superintendent, Reading School District, Reading, PA, and Dr. Darryl Adams, Superintendent, Coachella Valley USD, Thermal, CA, will share their lessons learned in implementing early childhood education programs, with an open discussion and audience participation after each presentation. The Ignite format is highly informative, engaging—and fast!
10:45-11:15 AM  Break  
(30 min)

11:15–12:00 PM  This is Hard... Why Do We Do This?  
(45 min)  
Dr. Michael Gaffley, Associate Professor, Department of Educational Leadership and School Administration, Nova Southeastern University  
Dr. Gaffley is an inspirational speaker who will remind you why you do this, for whom you do it, and why it is so important to focus on early childhood learners. He will challenge and inspire you to think of new and different ways to address early childhood education.

12:00–1:30 PM  Education, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship... Do These Belong Together?  
(90 min)  
A Fireside Chat between a seasoned educator and a prominent education technology innovator. Different perspectives collide and then merge—a lively, moderated discussion that reveals different views on solving the challenges of early education.

1:30–1:45 PM  Break  
(15 min)

1:45–2:45 PM  What Is Needed to Implement Successful Early Childhood Programs?  
(60 min)  
Hear from four panelists representing different experiences from those who have influenced, experienced, planned, purchased, and evaluated the effectiveness of early-childhood learning programs.

2:45–3:15 PM  Wrap It Up! And Where Do We Go From Here?  
(30 min)  
Summarize the day’s events and identify next steps for improving early childhood education in your schools.