AASA Names Daniel A. Domenech as New Executive Director

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Native of Cuba Is 29-Year Member and Past President of AASA

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ARLINGTON, Va. – The American Association of School Administrators today announced the selection of Daniel A. Domenech as the association’s new executive director. Domenech succeeds Paul D. Houston, who will retire on June 30 after leading AASA as executive director for 14 years.

Domenech will begin his new role on July 1. He is currently senior vice president and head of the Urban Advisory Resource for McGraw-Hill Education. In this role, he is responsible for building strong relationships with large school districts nationwide and increasing awareness of McGraw-Hill’s educational programs and services.

"I am delighted to welcome Dan Domenech to lead AASA," said AASA President Sarah D. Jerome, superintendent of schools in Arlington Heights, Ill. "His experience as a distinguished leader in the public education, association and business worlds and his commitment to children and the profession will be a tremendous asset to the association. I look forward to working with him."

"This is an exciting time at AASA," said Domenech. "The association is taking bold, new steps to revitalize its mission and strengthen its programs and services to ensure high-quality public education for all children. I look forward to leading this revitalization effort."

A native of Cuba who moved to the United States at the age of nine, Domenech has more than 36 years of experience in public education. Prior to his position at McGraw-Hill, Domenech was superintendent of Fairfax County Public Schools in Virginia, the 12th largest school system in the nation, for six years. From 1994 to 1997, he was district superintendent of the Second Supervisory District of Suffolk County, N.Y., and chief executive officer of the Western Suffolk Board of Cooperative Educational Services. Previously, he served as superintendent for Deer Park Schools in Long Island, N.Y., and South Huntington School District, also in Long Island. He also served as program director for the Nassau Board of Cooperative Educational Services, the largest intermediate school district in New York. He began his career in education as a 6th-grade teacher in Queens, N.Y.

A 29-year member of AASA, Domenech served as the association’s president from July 1998 to June 1999. He is also a past president of the New York State Council of School Superintendents, the Suffolk County Superintendents Association, and the Suffolk County Organization for Promotion of Education. He was the first president and co-founder of the New York State Association for Bilingual Education.

Domenech has served on the U.S. Department of Education National Assessment Governing Board, on the advisory board for the Department of Defense schools, and on the board of directors of the Association for the Advancement of International Education. He also serves on the executive
committee for the National Urban Alliance.

He earned a bachelor of arts degree from Hunter College in New York City and a Ph.D. from Hofstra University in Uniondale, N.Y.

Domenech was selected following an extensive nationwide search by Hazard, Young, Attea and Associates in Glenview, Ill.

Download a high-resolution photo of Domenech.

About AASA
AASA, founded in 1865, is the professional organization for more than 13,000 educational leaders across the United States. AASA’s mission is to support and develop effective school system leaders who are dedicated to the highest quality public education for all children. AASA’s major focus is standing up for public education. For more information, please visit www.aasa.org.