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AVID Executive Rob Gira to Join Board of National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity Education Foundation

SAN DIEGO—The National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity (NAPE) Education Foundation announced yesterday that Rob Gira, an Executive Vice President at AVID Center, has joined its Board of Directors. In this capacity, Mr. Gira will work with Foundation leadership to continue to grow the organization into a sustainable national nonprofit that provides public educators and policymakers with professional development, technical assistance, research, and advocacy on equity and diversity in education and career development.

“NAPE is an outstanding organization and I am honored to be associated with a group whose mission is the advancement of equity and diversity in classrooms and workplaces,” said Gira. “Their work closely dovetails AVID’s mission to ensure all students are college- and career-ready.”

Mr. Gira has served AVID Center since 1995, most recently as an Executive Vice President where he was responsible for programmatic and financial objectives in its mission to support schools and districts as they prepare all students for college readiness. His areas have encompassed curriculum, professional development, accountability, research and development, public affairs and marketing, and divisional development.

“I am so pleased that Rob Gira has accepted the nomination to the NAPE Education Foundation Board of Directors,” said Mimi Lufkin, NAPE Chief Executive Officer. “Rob’s addition to the board will bring much needed organizational development expertise during a time of exceptional growth. We are looking forward to his leadership as we work to scale NAPE’s professional development program nationwide.”

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AVID is a non-profit, proven college readiness system that closes the achievement gap. Today, AVID is implemented in approximately 4,900 schools in 45 states, the District of Columbia, and 16 countries/territories and impacts more than 700,000 students in grades K–12 and in 41 postsecondary institutions. The AVID College Readiness System transforms a school’s academic culture to increase the number of students who enroll in four-year colleges and succeed in higher education and training. For more information, visit www.avid.org.

NAPE is a national, nonprofit consortium of state and local agencies, corporations, and national organizations that collaborate to create equitable and diverse classrooms and workplaces where there are no barriers to opportunities. The NAPE Education Foundation has been involved in a number of initiatives to increase diversity in America’s workforce and to increase opportunities in high-skill, high-wage, high-demand careers. Among these is the National Science Foundation-funded STEM Equity Pipeline Project, which works with educational systems to increase the participation of underrepresented populations in STEM education. For more information, visit www.napequity.org.