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Governor Wes Moore and Asa Hutchinson to Headline RISE 2023

Maryland Governor and former Arkansas Governor to be interviewed by NBC News' Chuck Todd in fireside chats about the state of education in America.

WASHINGTON, DC — The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute announced that Maryland Gov. Wes Moore, and former Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson will headline the sixth annual Reagan Institute Summit on Education (RISE) at the Ronald Reagan Institute in Washington, DC, and online, May 24 - 25, 2023.

NBC News Political Director Chuck Todd, the moderator of “Meet the Press,” will lead both discussions. The fireside chats will focus on the governors’ dynamic perspectives on the state of education in America and the challenges in the 21st century that are shaping the future for learners.

Education has been a major component of both governors’ agendas and careers. In his fiscal year 2024 budget, Gov. Moore made education funding a top priority – his budget included increased financial support for the University System of Maryland as well as support for the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future, an education reform plan that would allocate funds for school construction across the state.

In October 2022, former Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson was named chairman of the Educational Commission of the States (ECS), a national, nonpartisan organization that supports state policymakers across the country. As chair of ECS, Hutchinson leads the initiative to advance computer science education including ways to provide equitable access, education preparation, and making connections to career pathways.

The conversations will take place on May 25, beginning with Governor Hutchinson from 1:55 – 2:25pm, followed by Governor Wes Moore from 2:35 – 3:05pm.

The fireside chats will be a key part of this year’s event theme: *The Nation’s Next Horizon*, which will reflect on America’s resilience during the pandemic and assess the state of education since President Ronald Reagan’s seminal “A Nation at Risk” report. RISE will convene current and former Administration officials and industry leaders from across the education spectrum who will address the health of the U.S. education system. The year’s summit will feature leaders such as:

- James Kvaal, Under Secretary of Education
- Condoleezza Rice, former United States Secretary of State
- Margaret Spellings, eighth United States Secretary of Education
- Arne Duncan, ninth United States Secretary of Education
- Bill Kristol, former Chief of Staff to the Vice President of the United States
- Jared Polis, Governor of Colorado
- Kim Reynolds, Governor of Iowa

- Mike Parson, Governor of Missouri
- Jim Douglas, former Governor of Vermont
- Mitch Daniels, former Governor of Indiana
- Larry Hogan, former Governor of Maryland

RISE sessions will be presented in a hybrid format with a series of panels and conversations shown online on May 24 and in-person events on May 25, which will also be live-streamed. A complete event agenda will be available prior to the summit. RISE 2023 will be open to registered media. For more information, visit <https://www.reaganfoundation.org/reagan-institute/programs/reagan-institute-summit-on-education/> and follow [@ReaganInstitute](https://twitter.com/ReaganInstitute).

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