

RISE REAGAN INSTITUTE SUMMIT ON EDUCATION



Igniting the Flickering Spark • 2025

SEPTEMBER 17-18

AGENDA

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SEPTEMBER 17

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Opening Reception

SEPTEMBER 18

8:00 AM - 8:45 AM

Registration and Breakfast

8:45 AM - 9:35 AM

Welcome + Fireside Chat

Welcome Remarks

- Hon. Frederick J. Ryan, Jr., Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute

Fireside Chat

- Hon. Linda McMahon, U.S. Secretary of Education

Moderator: Dr. Katie Jenner, Secretary of Education, State of Indiana

9:45 AM - 10:15 AM

PANEL 1: Are the Kids Alright? Examining Student Wellbeing

- Kerry McDonald, Senior Fellow, Foundation for Economic Education
- Ian Rowe, Senior Fellow, American Enterprise Institute
- Richard Whitmire, Author of *Why Boys Fail: Saving Our Sons from an Educational System That's Leaving Them Behind*
- Tommy Schultz, CEO, American Federation for Children

Moderator: Maya Sulkin, *The Free Press*

10:20 AM - 11:05 AM

PANEL 2: Back to Basics – Redefining Assessment and Accountability

- Melissa Aviles-Ramos, Chancellor, New York City Public Schools
- Dr. Cade Brumley, Superintendent of Education, State of Louisiana
- Dr. Eric Mackey, Superintendent of Education, State of Alabama
- Dr. Penny Schwinn, Chief Strategist to the Secretary, U.S. Department of Education

Moderator: Mike Petrilli, Thomas B. Fordham Institute

11:15 AM - 12:00 PM

PANEL 3: Educational Choice and Innovation in the Age of Parent Voice

- Jeanne Allen, Founder and CEO, Center for Education Reform
- Dr. Ashley Berner, Director, Johns Hopkins Institute for Education Policy
- Ryan Delk, Founder and CEO, Primer
- Dr. Felicia Cumings Smith, President and CEO, National Center for Families Learning

Moderator: Greg Toppo, *The 74*

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

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12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 PM - 2:15 PM	<p>PANEL 4: Reimagining High School and the Pathways Beyond Graduation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maria Flynn, President and CEO, Jobs for the Future• Dr. Timothy Knowles, President, Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching• Sec. Jacob Oliva, Secretary of Education, State of Arkansas• Theodore Wold, Senior Counselor, Palantir Technologies <p>Moderator: Nirvi Shah, <i>The Hechinger Report</i></p>
2:20 PM - 2:50 PM	<p>Fireside Chat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hon. Tim Kaine, U.S. Senate, Commonwealth of Virginia <p>Moderator: Nicholas Johnston, <i>Axios</i></p>
3:00 PM - 3:45 PM	<p>PANEL 5: Higher Ed at a Crossroads: The Civic Mission and Trust</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Alexander Cartwright, President, University of Central Florida• Dr. Ted Mitchell, President, American Council on Education• Dr. Jennifer Mnookin, Chancellor, University of Wisconsin-Madison• Tade Oyerinde, Founder and Chancellor, Campus <p>Moderator: Douglas Belkin, <i>The Wall Street Journal</i></p>
3:55 PM - 4:40 PM	<p>Fireside Chat</p> <p>Introduction: David Trulio, President and Chief Executive Officer, Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hon. Mike Dunleavy, Governor, State of Alaska• Hon. J. Kevin Stitt, Governor, State of Oklahoma <p>Moderator: Mene Ukueberuwa, <i>The Wall Street Journal</i></p>
4:45 PM - 6:15 PM	Closing Reception