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Reagan Institute Summit on Education Welcomes President of California State Board of Education

Linda-Darling Hammond will participate in panel on holistic approaches to student education, success

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute today announced the addition of Linda Darling-Hammond, President of the Learning Policy Institute and President of the California State Board of Education, as a panelist at the Reagan Institute Summit on Education (RISE), to be held in Washington, D.C., on April 10-11, 2019.

“Linda has spent decades working to improve education not only in California but across the country, increasing opportunity for all students,” said Roger Zakheim, Director of the Reagan Institute. “Her voice will be invaluable as we discuss how to educate students in a way that prepares them for a lifetime of success.”

Darling-Hammond will participate in a panel session entitled “Measuring What Counts: Educating the Whole Child.” This panel will build on insights gained from the National Commission on Social, Emotional and Academic Development’s 2019 report “From a Nation at Risk to a Nation at Hope,” critically considering current and former measures of success to envision a fuller approach to education.

“There is widespread demand for an integrated approach to teaching and learning that addresses children’s social and emotional abilities as well as their academic growth,” said Darling-Hammond. “Young people need a wide array of skills and character traits—perseverance, respect, empathy, self-mastery, creativity, collaboration—to thrive in school and life. These are the traits that modern employers look for and they are the traits that enable students to become lifelong learners, well prepared for college, career, and citizenship. I look forward to joining the field of experts at RISE 2019 to discuss how we can ensure every student has the opportunity to succeed school and in life.”

Darling-Hammond was appointed president of the California State Board of Education in early 2019. She also heads the Learning Policy Institute, a non-profit organization that conducts and communicates independent, high-quality research to improve education policy and practice. She is also Charles E. Ducommun Professor of Education Emeritus at Stanford University, where she founded the Stanford Center for Opportunity Policy in

Education and served as the faculty sponsor of the Stanford Teacher Education Program. She led President Obama's education transition team in 2008, is past president of the American Educational Research Association, and was the executive director of the National Commission on Teaching and America's Future from 1994 to 2001.

Darling-Hammond joins leaders in education, policy, business and technology participating in RISE 2019, including Rep. Virginia Foxx, Sen. Tim Kaine, Pennsylvania Secretary of Education Pedro Rivera, Founder of Khan Academy Sal Kahn and many others. Throughout the conference, bipartisan panels and plenaries will foster conversation on a wide range of education policy issues. These issues include developing a holistic approach to education, preparing students for the job market of the future, surveying the higher education horizon and setting audacious national goals for our education system.

RISE 2019 is open to registered media. For more information, visit www.reaganfoundation.org/reagan-institute or follow RISE on Twitter @ReaganInstitute. Join the conversation with #RISE2019.

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