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## **Walton Family Foundation Leader Joins Reagan Institute Summit on Education Speaker Lineup**

*Marc Sternberg will participate in panel on holistic approaches to student education,  
success*

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute today announced that Marc Sternberg, K-12 Program Director at the Walton Family Foundation, will serve as a panelist at the Reagan Institute Summit on Education (RISE), held in Washington, D.C., on April 10-11, 2019.

“We’re excited to have Marc join us for RISE 2019,” said Roger Zakheim, Director of the Reagan Institute. “He’s worked on education at all levels – as a teacher, principal, New York City Department of Education Deputy Chancellor and in the nonprofit sector – and has built up a wealth of experience and insight. His contributions will deepen our understanding of how we can equip students with the practical, everyday skills they need to thrive as workers and as citizens.”

Sternberg 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.

“At the Walton Family Foundation, we believe there is both much to celebrate and hard work ahead when it comes to our country’s education system,” Sternberg said. “That is why the RISE 2019 convening is so important. A conversation about the new basics must include the twin pillars of choice and accountability that President Reagan championed.”

Sternberg serves as the K-12 Program Director for the Walton Family Foundation, which works to give every student access to a high-quality education and a lifetime of opportunity. Prior to his work at the foundation, he was Deputy Chancellor at the New York City Department of Education, where he played a critical role in development and enrollment for schools across the city. Sternberg was the founding principal of Bronx Lab School and holds a B.A. from Princeton University and a joint M.B.A. and M.A. in education from Harvard.

Sternberg joins leaders in education, policy, business and technology participating in RISE 2019, including Rep. Virginia Foxx, Pennsylvania Secretary of Education Pedro Rivera, President Emeritus of the Thomas B. Fordham Institute Chester Finn, Jr. 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](http://www.reaganfoundation.org/reagan-institute) or follow RISE on Twitter @ReaganInstitute. Join the conversation with #RISE2019.

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