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**Reagan Institute Summit on Education Welcomes John B. King Jr. to Panelist Lineup**  
*President and CEO of The Education Trust, former secretary of education to participate in panel on 'Setting Audacious Goals' in education*

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute today announced that Dr. John B. King Jr., 10th U.S. Secretary of Education and president and CEO of the national nonprofit Education Trust, will serve as a panelist at the Reagan Institute Summit on Education (RISE), held in Washington, D.C. on April 10-11, 2019.

“Secretary King’s own education and career demonstrate the remarkable possibilities of an effective public education system,” said Roger Zakheim, Director of the Reagan Institute. “His advocacy and leadership have impacted millions of students. We couldn’t be more thrilled to have him on this panel and look forward to his perspective on how we can better serve our students.”

King will participate in a panel entitled “Setting Audacious Goals.” This bipartisan panel will gather together key state and federal leaders for a discussion on strategic education reform and an exploration of the goals policymakers should strive toward as they move through the year and into 2020.

“To believe in the future of America is to believe in its young people—their potential, their perseverance, and their power,” noted King. “I’m pleased to join this important discussion on what we, as a nation, can do to ensure that educational opportunity is available to every student, everywhere, so that our young people—particularly those historically and currently underserved—can thrive in college, careers, and life and contribute to our democratic society.”

King has worked at nearly every level of the public education system, starting as a classroom social studies teacher and eventually serving as Secretary of Education under President Barack Obama. Currently, he leads The Education Trust in its efforts to expand opportunity and end the achievement gap. He is also a visiting professor at the University of Maryland’s College of Education. Prior to these appointments, he served as Deputy Secretary of Education and as New York State Education Commissioner. He holds a B.A. from Harvard, a law degree from Yale Law School and a doctorate in education from Teachers College at Columbia University.

King joins other 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](http://www.reaganfoundation.org/reagan-institute) or follow RISE on Twitter @ReaganInstitute. Join the conversation with #RISE2019.

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