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## **Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos to Speak at Reagan Institute Summit on Education**

*Sec. of Ed will address school choice benefits and challenges*

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute today announced that Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos will participate as a speaker at the Reagan Institute Summit on Education (RISE), held in Washington, D.C., on April 10-11, 2019.

“Secretary DeVos’s dedication to equal opportunity for all students – no matter their background – is unparalleled,” said Roger Zakheim, Director of the Reagan Institute. “As the leader of our nation’s education policy administration, she will make invaluable contributions to the conversation on how to raise up a generation of bold, innovative, compassionate citizens.”

Alongside Sen. Ted Cruz and moderator Gerard Robinson, DeVos will discuss the benefits and challenges of school choice during a luncheon plenary conversation, addressing topics including equity and opportunity, ensuring quality education, policy proposals and solutions and the unifying thread of American education.

DeVos is the 11<sup>th</sup> U.S. Secretary of Education. The daughter of a public-school teacher and a longtime volunteer mentor in the Grand Rapids Public School System, she seeks to expand equality by equipping parents to place their child in a school that best meets their needs. Before being selected by President Trump and confirmed by the Senate, she was chairman of the Windquest Group, an enterprise and investment management firm. She also serves in many charitable and civic leadership roles, including involvement with the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the Kendall College of Art and Design and KidsHope USA.

DeVos joins other leaders in education, policy, business and technology participating in RISE 2019, including Sen. Lamar Alexander, Rep. Virginia Foxx, Sen. Tim Kaine, Pennsylvania Secretary of Education Pedro Rivera, Founder of Khan Academy Sal Khan, Microsoft’s Mary Snapp 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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### **About the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute**

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