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## **Senator Ted Cruz to Speak at Reagan Institute Summit on Education**

*Texas Senator will discuss school choice benefits and challenges*

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute today announced that Senator Ted Cruz will join the lineup of panelists at the Reagan Institute Summit on Education (RISE), held in Washington, D.C., on April 10-11, 2019.

“Sen. Cruz is widely recognized for his dedication to the ideals of equality and opportunity that have made this nation great,” said Roger Zakheim, Director of the Reagan Institute. “We are thrilled to have him joining us at RISE, and we look forward to hearing his thoughts on how we can better make those ideals a reality for our country’s students.”

Senator Cruz 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.

Cruz serves as the junior senator from Texas, an office he has held since 2003. During that time, he has carved out a reputation as a passionate public servant, dedicated to driving economic prosperity and defending the Constitution. He is best known for his work to end federal overreach in healthcare and to protect the border and the Bill of Rights. As a deep believer in the American Dream and an ardent supporter of equal opportunity, he has supported legislation that will allow citizens and parents to determine what kind of education is best for their region and their children.

Cruz 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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### **About the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute**

The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute is the nonprofit organization created by President Reagan himself and specifically charged by him with continuing his legacy and sharing his principles - individual liberty, economic opportunity, global democracy and national pride. The Foundation is a non-partisan organization which sustains the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum in Simi Valley, CA, the Reagan Center for Public Affairs, the Presidential Learning Center, The Air Force One Pavilion and the award-winning Discovery Center, as well as the Reagan Institute in Washington, D.C. Ronald Reagan said, "**Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction.** We didn't pass it on to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free."

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