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Reagan Foundation and Institute Reschedules 2020 Reagan Institute Summit on Education
National bipartisan conference to discuss state of American education and path to reform moved from June to September

WASHINGTON, DC — The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute today announced it has rescheduled its third annual Reagan Institute Summit on Education (RISE), due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The Summit, originally scheduled for June 17-18, will now be held on September 17 at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute Building in Washington, D.C. following its Grand Opening event on September 16. It will be conducted as a hybrid event, with guests attending in-person as well as virtually. In addition, Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute partners will stream the conference at watch parties for key stakeholders across the country.

“We are working diligently with our participants, sponsors and partners to ensure that we continue to move forward with RISE during these very challenging times. I am pleased that in rescheduling we are now offering a virtual option to help increase participation, which will allow for a more robust dialogue on the critical subject of education reform,” said Roger Zakheim, director of the Reagan Institute.

Each year, RISE brings together hundreds of leaders and key stakeholders in education — including members of Congress, higher education administrators, and leaders from the Department of Education and industry — to examine the challenges and fortify the strengths of the U.S. education system. Past RISE panelists have included former Secretary of Education Dr. Rod Paige, Former Second Lady of the United States Jill Biden, and Former Secretary of State Dr. Condoleezza Rice.

“Our nation’s education system faces many unique challenges and opportunities, even in the best of times. As COVID-19 fundamentally altered many aspects of American society, including our education system, this year’s Summit discussion will have heightened significance. I’m looking forward to hearing the insights from our diverse and highly qualified group of participants this fall,” added Zakheim.
At *RISE 2020: Lifting State Leadership*, panelists will assess the current educational shift from federal to state and local control and the evolving role of the states and gubernatorial leadership. The panelists will go in-depth to examine the educational challenges presented by the pandemic, the role of state governments in mediating school closures and the transition to distance learning, as well as the path to stabilizing reform.

RISE 2020 will have limited space for media. For more information, visit [www.reaganfoundation.org/RISE](http://www.reaganfoundation.org/RISE) and follow [@ReaganInstitute](https://twitter.com/ReaganInstitute).

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