



Media Advisory: For Immediate Release

George W. Bush Institute to Host Conversation on Faith-Based Schools

Alliance for Catholic Education, University of Notre Dame and Mayor Rawlings to discuss unique and integral role of faith based schools in revitalizing urban communities

September 25, 2013 (Dallas, TX) -- On October 3rd, the George W. Bush Institute, together with the Alliance for Catholic Education at the University of Notre Dame and Mayor Rawlings of Dallas, will organize a discussion about faith-based schools. These schools – representing any number of faith traditions – have a historical role in education and are one of the most effective instruments of intellectual formation and social transformation that the U.S. has ever known. Educating more than 3.5 million students, faith-based schools can be found in urban, suburban and rural communities.

Panel participants will examine two main ideas:

- The unique and integral role of faith-based schools in revitalizing urban communities
- How and where political leaders throughout the country have taken great strides in effecting systemic education reform

SCHEDULE

9:30 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.	Welcome and Opening Remarks Margaret Spellings, <i>George W. Bush Foundation</i>
9:40 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.	Session 1: The State of Play for Faith-Based Schools
9:40 a.m. – 9:44 a.m.	Introduction Paul Ludden, <i>Southern Methodist University</i>
9:44 a.m. – 9:52 a.m.	Overview Fr. Tim Scully, CSC, <i>University of Notre Dame</i>
9:52 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Overview Charles Glenn, <i>Boston University</i>
10:00 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.	Question & Answer Discussion
10:20 a.m. - 10:35 a.m.	BREAK

- 10:35 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **Session 2: Bright Spots from the Urban Core**
Panel Discussion
Rena Pederson, *Southern Methodist University* (Moderator)
Christian Dallavis, *University of Notre Dame*
Kole Knueppel, *Schools That Can Milwaukee*
Terry Flowers, *St. Phillip’s School and Community Center*
Matthew Moes, *Islamic Schools League of America*
- Question & Answer Discussion**
- 11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. **BREAK**
- 11:45 a.m. – 12:25 p.m. **Session 3: A Conversation with Policymakers**
Panel Discussion
Margaret Spellings, *George W. Bush Presidential Center* (Moderator)
Rick Baker, *former Mayor of St. Petersburg*
Mike Rawlings, *Mayor of Dallas*
Kathleen Shanahan, *Member, Florida State Board of Education*
Anthony Williams, *former Mayor of Washington DC*
- 12:25 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. **Closing Remarks**
Mike Rawlings, *Mayor of Dallas*

Press credentials are required to attend this event. To register for credentials, please visit <http://www.bushcenter.org/newsroom/credentialing-and-coverage>.

Hosted live in the Auditorium at the George W. Bush Presidential Center, the event will also be available via live stream location starting at 9:30am on October 3rd at www.bushcenter.org/live

Panelists will be available for press questions during the breaks and after the event. To schedule interviews in advance, please contact Hannah Abney at 214-200-4328. Media relations staff will also be available to coordinate interviews onsite.

This is the first event in the Fighting for Our Children’s Future National Bus Tour, an initiative of the University of Notre Dame’s Alliance for Catholic Education. Learn more about the bus tour [here](#).