



August 14, 2013

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Governor Haley:

In 2008, I launched the Foundation for Excellence in Education, a not-for-profit organization that is igniting a movement of reform, state by state, across America, to transform education for the 21st century economy. An integral component of our effort is an annual summit on education reform where experts and advocates share what works, what doesn't, and what's next in education. It's our goal to arm federal, state and local lawmakers and policymakers with proven policies and innovative strategies to raise student achievement.

Our 2013 National Summit will be held October 17-18 in Boston. I would be honored if you would join us as my guest. We're bringing together a dynamic set of speakers to discuss a variety of critical subject areas, including School Choice, Students with Disabilities Reform, A-F School Grading and Digital Learning. This year's keynote addresses will be delivered by The Right Honourable Michael Gove MP, UK's Secretary of State for Education; and Ted Olson, former Solicitor General of the United States. We are also thrilled to have Dr. Arthur Brooks of AEI talk about social mobility and have Dr. Clay Christensen explain his theory of disruption.

Last year's National Summit in Washington, DC brought together a dynamic set of speakers, including Governor Mitch Daniels, Secretary Arne Duncan and John Podesta. Secretary Condoleezza Rice, Joel Klein and Dr. Richard Haass also discussed their Council on Foreign Relations Task Force report on the impact education reform has on national security.

Nearly 800 attendees, including more than 250 state legislators and policymakers from 42 states and both political parties, traveled to our nation's capital to participate in the two-day event. We anticipate even more state lawmakers and policymakers will attend our summit this year.

The Foundation's National Advocacy staff will contact your office about your availability to attend. You can also reach Heather Slager at 850-391-4090 or Heather@ExcelInEd.com should you have any questions.

As a governor, you know our success in classrooms today will determine the destiny of our country. I hope you are able to join us for the 2013 National Summit on Education Reform.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeb".

Jeb Bush

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