



# MEDIA ADVISORY

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## **Education Colloquium Explores Reforms for Texas and U.S.** NCPA Hosts Metroplex Superintendents, CEOs & Political Leaders

DALLAS, TX (Feb. 16, 2012) – Former Florida Gov. **Jeb Bush** is the keynote speaker at the Feb. 23 Educational Colloquium in Dallas. The National Center for Policy Analysis (NCPA) is coordinating the unprecedented education reform effort, in partnership with former Undersecretary of Education and former Superintendent of the Dallas Independent School District **Linus Wright**.

**MEDIA PLEASE NOTE RESTRICTIONS:** The Hatton W. Sumners luncheon, with Jeb Bush, is open to the public but the morning discussion is limited to participants and media. Gov. Bush will not be available for interviews and video/audio recording of Bush is limited to only the first three minutes of his speech. Video and audio recording of the morning colloquium is permitted.

Colloquium participants include several dozen Metroplex school superintendents and school representatives, area CEOs, elected officials and local foundation leaders. Also attending -- NCPA Chairman and Governor of Delaware **Pete du Pont**, State Senator **Florence Shapiro**, SMU Dean **David Chard**, Key Development CEO **Jim Keyes**, UNT Dallas President **John Ellis Price** and two student winners of the 2012 *Young Patriots Essay Contest*.

**WHAT:** Education Colloquium and Hatton W. Sumners Luncheon  
**WHO:** Co-sponsored by the National Center for Policy Analysis & the Hudson Foundation  
**WHEN:** Feb. 23, 2012  
8:45 – 9:15 Registration & reception  
9:15 – 11:30 – Panel presentations & discussion  
12:00 – Luncheon & key note remarks by Jeb Bush  
**WHERE:** Hilton Anatole Hotel  
Panel presentations and discussion – Grand Ballroom A & B  
Lecture series luncheon – Grand Ballroom C, D & E

The purpose of the colloquium is to bring together community leaders to discuss the problems in education and explore reforms.

“CEOs will be the employers tomorrow of graduates the superintendents are educating today,” said NCPA President and Kellye Wright Fellow John C. Goodman. “They need to be heard and few have been listening. Our elected officials are also key to ensuring that young people move into productive jobs after graduation.”

Linus Wright will present his reform plan for public education. That plan, and other reform topics will be discussed throughout the morning, to provide recommendations for fundamental reform of public education.

Gov. Bush is chairman of the Foundation for Excellence in Education, a national foundation focused on education reform.

***Media are invited to attend. Please contact Caytie Daniell in advance.***

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