Learning from the International Experience:  
Lifting U. S. Students to World Class Levels of Performance

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Wednesday, August 17
6:00 PM Early Registration: Taubman Bldg., 5th Floor
6:30-7:30 PM Keynote Address: Nye ABC  
Deputy Secretary Tony Miller, U.S. Department of Education  
Q&A session to follow

Thursday, August 18
8:00 AM Registration: Taubman Bldg., 5th Floor
8:30 AM Welcome and Opening Remarks  
• Paul E. Peterson, Harvard University
8:45 AM Panel I: What Can Be Learned from the International Experience?  
Chair: Paul E. Peterson, Harvard University  
• Dr. Mona Mourshed, McKinsey & Co., Dubai/UAE  
• Eric Hanushek, Hoover Institution of Stanford University  
• Jay Greene, University of Arkansas
10:15 AM Break
10:30 AM Panel II: Can Autonomy and Choice Bolster Achievement in the U.S.?  
Chair: David Gergen, John F. Kennedy School of Government  
• Martin West, Harvard Graduate School of Education  
• Paul Pastorek, Former State Superintendent of Education, Louisiana  
• Dr. Avis Glaze, Edu-quest International Inc., Canada  
• Tony Bennett, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Indiana
12:00 PM Lunch
1:30 PM Panel III: Should the U.S. Have Common Standards and Examinations?  
Chair: James Stergios, Pioneer Institute  
• Angus McBeath, Former Superintendent, Edmonton Public Schools, Alberta  
• Shengchang Tang, Principal, Shanghai High School, China  
• Gerard Robinson, Commissioner of Education, Florida
3:00 PM Break
3:15 PM  Panel IV: Is Digital Learning the Answer?
Chair: Hanna Skandera, Secretary of Public Education, New Mexico
- Shantanu Prakash, Educomp Solutions Ltd., India
- Susan Patrick, International Association for K-12 Online Learning
- Julie Young, Florida Virtual Schools

Friday, August 19

8:15 AM  Registration: Taubman Bldg., 5th Floor

9:00 AM  Panel V: How Do We Get Great Teachers? – Part I
Chair: Gene Wilhoit, Council of Chief State School Officers
- Jason Glass, Iowa Department of Education
- Jari Matti Juhani Lavonen, University of Helsinki, Finland
- Fernando Reimers, Harvard Graduate School of Education

10:30 AM  Break

10:45 AM  Panel VI: How Do We Get Great Teachers? – Part II
Chair: Dr. Jacob Foster, Massachusetts Department of Education
- Roberto Rodriguez, Special Assistant to the President for Education
- Gwang-Jo Kim, Former Deputy Education Minister of S. Korea and current Director of Asia and Pacific Regional Bureau for Education, UNESCO Bangkok
- Christopher Cerf, Commissioner of Education, New Jersey

12:15 PM  Adjourn

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