



GOVERNOR ROMNEY TO SHARE HIS VISION FOR EDUCATION AT NBC NEWS' 2012 "EDUCATION NATION" SUMMIT

Brian Williams will host the Republican Presidential Candidate for "DECISION 2012 at Education Nation"—Tuesday, Sept. 25 at 11:00AM/ET on MSNBC

NEW YORK, NY—Sept.12, 2012— In the biggest education event of the 2012 Presidential campaign, Governor Mitt Romney will share his vision for the nation's education future and what it will take to prepare all Americans for the high-skill jobs of the 21st century, as well as answer questions from "Education Nation" Summit attendees. NBC News' Brian Williams will host the Republican presidential candidate for "DECISION 2012 at Education Nation" on Tuesday, Sept. 25 at 11:00AM/ET from The New York Public Library's Stephen A. Schwarzman building. The special event will be broadcast live on MSNBC, as well as featured on "NBC Nightly News" and "TODAY," as well as streamed live on NBC News.com and EducationNation.com.

"Governor Romney realizes that education is the civil rights issues of our time, and as president, he will be committed to ensuring that all students, no matter their zip code or socioeconomic status, have the chance for an excellent education and a bright future. He also realizes that a great education system is a key to getting our economy back on track. Mitt Romney will reverse the current course that our K-12 education system is on, lagging behind many countries in reading, math, and science, and preserve our status as the leader in higher education. Mitt Romney knows that global competitiveness begins in the classroom, and he will implement policies that promote increased choice for families, great teachers, and affordable post-secondary education that will ensure that America is the world's leader in education," said Gail Gitcho, Communications Director for the Romney campaign.

"As we approach the final weeks of the presidential election, it's an important time as ever for Americans to know who and what they're voting for, especially when it comes to education," said NBC News President Steve Capus. "On the 'Education Nation' stage, we'll hear firsthand from Governor Romney about his plan to shape the future of our education system, our workforce and our country's competitiveness."

The 2012 "Education Nation" Summit will be centered on solutions—highlighting case studies of schools and programs around the country that have seen incredible success in their communities from the implementation of focused solutions. Other agenda topics include: STEM, the achievement gap, corporate investment in education, social gaming in schools, grit and persistence, parent-trigger laws, union-district partnerships, the college loan crisis, common core, parent engagement, the U.S. presidential election's impact on education in America, and more.

Since launching the initiative in 2010, NBC News has established "Education Nation" as the country's largest public conversation about the relationship between education and opportunity – helping to engage the United States in an unprecedented discussion about how to improve education and prepare Americans for the jobs of the future. In addition to hosting yearly summits that bring together hundreds of the country's top leaders in education, business, government, foundations and the civic sector, "Education Nation" has toured across Chicago, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Denver, Atlanta and Miami. Events are complemented by year-round education reports and programming across the network's shows and platforms under the banner of "Education Nation."

More information on the summit agenda and programming is coming soon. To learn more about "Education Nation," visit EducationNation.com, "Like" us on Facebook: Facebook.com/EducationNation or follow us on Twitter @EducationNation.

Sponsors of the 2012 "Education Nation" Summit include Citi, University of Phoenix, ExxonMobil, the American Federation of Teachers, the Bezos Family Foundation, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Target, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, National Education Association and State Farm. Knowledge Partners include the General Motors Foundation, Scholastic, NBC Learn and America's Promise Alliance.

About "Education Nation"

"Education Nation" seeks to create a thoughtful, well-informed dialogue with policymakers, thought-leaders, educators, parents and the public, in pursuit of the shared goal of providing every American with an opportunity to achieve the best education in the world. These discussions cover the challenges, potential solutions and innovations spanning the education landscape. By providing quality information to the public, NBC News hopes to provide information to Americans so they can make decisions about how best to improve our education system both in the near and long terms, and to shine a spotlight on one of the most urgent national issues of our time.