

Letter from the Chair



Across our nation's diverse and dynamic states, one thing unites us all: A concern about the quality of education in America.

We know a quality education can change a life; it can provide each and every student with the knowledge and skills to achieve his or her dreams. The success of today's students will determine the destiny of our nation.

Even with so much at stake, too many states and schools subscribe to education myths that lull leaders, educators and communities into believing a child's zip code, race or parents' salary defines their ability to learn. Thankfully, those faulty expectations are beginning to change.

While serving as governor of Florida from 1999-2007, I had the honor of helping develop and implement a plan to reverse a generation of decline in our state and brighten the futures of our youngest citizens. The path to raising student achievement is not easy, but each growing pain has led to new successes and has further proven that every child can learn.

The Foundation for Excellence in Education was launched in 2008 to ignite a movement of reform, state by state. Today, because of the courageous leadership of men and women throughout the country, countless more boys and girls are on track to graduate from high school with the knowledge and skills to reach their God-given potential.

One by one, states are taking a stand for their futures by launching bold, student-centered reforms to transform education for all children. This movement to demand high-quality learning for each and every student is founded on high expectations and transparent accountability. These states are challenging the status quo to ensure students have the skills, teachers and educational choices they will need to succeed.

The results of reform in Florida and other states continue to demonstrate a simple truth – all students can thrive when schools are organized around the singular goal of learning.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeb Bush". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

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