GOALS PANEL TO EXPLORE CORPORATE PARTNERED SCHOOLS, LITERACY PROGRAMS, AND OTHER SCHOOL STRUCTURES

Governors Thompson and Patton to Visit Grady High School and Meet with Students, Teachers During Atlanta Field Hearing

WASHINGTON, D.C. (September 1, 2000) – The National Education Goals Panel will host a regional field hearing in Atlanta, GA on Tuesday, September 19, 2000 on alternative school structures. Governor Tommy Thompson (R-WI), Chair of the NEGP, and Governor Paul Patton (D-KY), a Panel member, will host the hearing. The day will begin with a site visit at the Communications Magnet Program at Grady High School and will continue with presentations by panelists from across the Southeast. Panelists will discuss the effectiveness of corporate partnered schools, partnerships between universities and K-12 schools and other non-traditional school structures. The hearing is the third in a series of four held nationwide as part of the Panel’s 2000 agenda. The hearings are intended to raise public awareness of the current best practices in helping all students achieve high academic standards.

The Goals Panel is comprised of eight governors (including Gov. Thompson), four members of the U.S. Congress, four state legislators and two Presidential appointees.

*Please note the following media and photo opportunity:

**WHAT:** National Education Goals Panel Site Visit and Field Hearing – “Alternative School Structures”

**WHO:**
- Gov. Tommy Thompson (R-WI), chair
- Gov. Paul Patton (D-KY), member and former chair
- Gov. Roy Barnes (D-GA)
- State Representative Mary Lou Cowlishaw (R-IL), member
- State Representative Spencer Coggs (D-WI), member
- Naomi Grishman, Director, School of Communication, Grady H.S.
- Dr. Stephen Portch, Chancellor, University of Georgia System
- Sharon Darling, National Center for Family Literacy, Kentucky
- Dr. Robert Goodlett, Office of Family Resources & Youth Services, Kentucky
- Susan Lehrman, Principal, Miami Springs E.S., Florida
- Dr. Allen Odden, University of Wisconsin

**WHEN:** Site visit, 10:15 AM; Field Hearing, 1:30 PM

**WHERE:** Henry Grady High School, 929 Charles Allen Dr. NE Atlanta, GA