

NATIONAL EDUCATION GOALS PANEL

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NATIONAL EDUCATION GOALS PANEL TO HOST NATIONAL TELECONFERENCE

Panelists to explore Baldrige initiatives in education across the country

WASHINGTON, D.C. (April 5, 2000) – The National Education Goals Panel will host a national teleconference on April 13, 2000 at 1 p.m. EDT. The teleconference, entitled "Creating a Framework for High-Achieving Schools," focuses on the implementation of Baldrige principles in the educational arena. Although Baldrige principles are not new in the business world, they are nothing short of revolutionary in education. The goal of this teleconference is to get the word out about how successful these initiatives are in the hopes that other school administrators, legislators and teachers will replicate them. The teleconference begins a yearlong program that will include four regional field hearings to examine promising practices in education, an in-depth assessment of education reform data and a year-ending teleconference.

*Please note the following media opportunity. If you would like to attend your local downlink site, please respond by April 10^{th} so we may provide materials and space.

WHAT: National Education Goals Panel National Teleconference –

"Creating a Framework for High-Achieving Schools"

WHO: Gov. Tommy Thompson (Wisc.), chair

Tom Houlihan, President/CEO, North Carolina Partnership for

Excellence, moderator

Gov. Frank O'Bannon (Indiana), panel member

Dr. Suellen Reed, Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction Gerry Anderson, Superintendent, Brazosport Independent School

District, Texas

Administrators from Columbus, Indiana

Teachers and students from Azalea Elementary, Pinellas County, Fla.

and Bonnie Eagle High School, Bar Mills, Maine

PLUS local education stakeholders at individual downlink sites

WHEN: 1 p.m. EDT

WHERE: To attend a downlink site near you, please visit the NEGP website at

www.negp.gov/teleconf or call for satellite coordinates.