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National experts to gather at NPRI education summit

LAS VEGAS — Seven nationally recognized education experts, including a representative of the U.S. Secretary of Education, will deliver presentations at the Nevada Policy Research Institute's Second Annual Education Policy Summit on March 19, 2010 at The Orleans in Las Vegas.

The summit, titled "Success for Every Nevada Child," will focus on the education-policy reforms that have increased student achievement around the country — particularly for minority, low-income and other historically underserved children — and how those reforms can do the same for the Silver State. The list of presenters includes Helen Littlejohn, a representative of U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan.

"After 50 years of simply pumping more money into education without improving student achievement, Nevada owes it to our children to enact the kinds of proven reforms that have been so effective elsewhere," said NPRI President Sharon Rossie. "The experts who will present at this summit bring with them an enormous amount of insight and experience in education policy, and I have no doubt that each presentation will be highly informative and useful to those interested in seeing improvements to Nevada's education system."

Other presenters for the summit include: Dr. Howard Fuller, professor at Marquette University; Dr. Matt Ladner, vice president of research at the Goldwater Institute; Anthony Colon, managing partner of the AVANTI Strategy Group; Dr. Paul Peterson, senior fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University; Leslie Hiner, vice president of programs and state relations at the Foundation for Educational Choice; and Dr. Jay Greene, chair of the Department of Education Reform at the University of Arkansas.

Registration will begin at 7:15 a.m., and the event will be open to the media. Those interested in attending the summit can register online at <http://npri.org/events/education-policy-summit-2010>.

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