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# ELC MEDIA ADVISORY

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## LEADING EDUCATORS, POLICY MAKERS TELL HOW NEW PROGRAM WILL HELP SCHOOLS COMPLY WITH *NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND*

Lisa Graham Keegan, CEO of the Education Leaders Council, will discuss progress on implementing the new federal law. Keegan will explain how the federally-funded “Following the Leaders” program, launched last month in six states – Alaska, Illinois, Mississippi, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and West Virginia – is providing data and tools that are helping schools develop higher standards and accountability to meet the requirements of the *No Child Left Behind Act*.

Keegan will be joined by program partners and other education leaders at a media briefing on Thursday, September 19, at 9:00 AM, in the Washington Room of the Hotel Washington. This will be the first opportunity for the media to hear from both program architects, and state and local education practitioners.

Keegan and other participants will address how they are helping teachers track lessons, the applicable state standards, and the performance of individual students in meeting the standards. The Education Leaders Council is a not-for-profit organization selected by the U.S. Department of Education to administer the Following the Leaders program nationwide.

WHO: LISA GRAHAM KEEGAN, CEO of Education Leaders Council  
REP. JOHN BOEHNER, Chair, Education and the Workforce Committee  
PHIL GUIRE, Policy Advisor to Governor Ronnie Musgrove, Mississippi  
BETTY WALTERS, Superintendent, Kodiak Island School District, Alaska  
STACEY BOYD, President & CEO, Project Achieve  
TED REBARBER, President, Accountability Works

WHAT: Following the Leaders – putting *No Child Left Behind* policies into action

WHERE: HOTEL WASHINGTON (15<sup>TH</sup> & PA. AVE.), WASHINGTON ROOM

WHEN: SEPTEMBER 19, 2002 – 9:00 AM (BREAKFAST AT 8:30 AM)

<http://followingtheleaders.org>

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