



IN AN RARE EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW, WARREN BUFFETT JOINS MELINDA GATES & SUSIE BUFFETT TO DISCUSS EDUCATION FOR THE FIRST TIME

Tom Brokaw Hosts NBC News' "Education Nation" Spotlight Interview on Monday, Sept. 26

NEW YORK, NY—Sept. 13, 2011— With hundreds of millions of dollars invested in initiatives aimed at expanding and improving educational opportunities in the United States, Warren Buffett and Melinda Gates will be joined by Susie Buffett on the main stage at NBC News' "Education Nation" Summit for a special Spotlight Interview with Tom Brokaw—Monday, Sept. 26. This rare and exclusive interview represents one of the first opportunities to hear from Warren Buffett on what he thinks about the state of U.S. education today, why Susie Buffett is committed to supporting early childhood learning initiatives, as well as from Melinda Gates, who will have the latest news from the work on teacher effectiveness supported by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Additional confirmed sessions at the "Education Nation" Summit include:

The Changing Face of Education — More than 1 in 5 students in the nation's public schools are Latino – constituting the largest, and fastest growing, minority group in our education system. But Latinos also have the lowest student achievement levels – with less access to early childhood programs, lower reading and math scores, a higher chance of dropping out of high school and worse odds of attending college than any other group. Meanwhile, with Latinos expected to represent 60% of the nation's population growth over the next four decades, the country's economic future depends on ensuring that Latinos are prepared for college and 21st century careers. Telemundo's Jose Diaz-Balart will moderate the discussion on Monday, Sept. 26.

Motor City On A Mission: Taking The Driver's Seat In Education — In the last two years, Detroit has stunned the nation with the auto industry's historic turnaround. Now, the Motor City is taking aim at a crisis of equal proportions – its failing schools – with an unprecedented gamble on school leadership. A historic partnership between the state, city and Eastern Michigan University will create a new school district made up of the most troubled Detroit schools – but its success will depend on a new system-wide leader and principals, who are given wide latitude to run their schools. This discussion will feature some of the leadership forces behind Detroit's "Education Achievement Authority," who will be joined later in the session by other education leaders who have

beaten the odds in school systems across the country. MSNBC's Tamron Hall will moderate this session on Monday, Sept. 26.

Going Local: What A City Can Do For Its Schools — Mayors understand that improving their local economies requires a well-prepared workforce – and that the buck stops with them. For some, that means tackling issues like health, hunger, homelessness and safety. For others, it means involving the entire community in expanding access to college. Participating mayors join education and community leaders to discuss how they're addressing education and workforce challenges – and the partnerships they're forming to get students all the way from pre-K to college graduation. NBC News' Lester Holt will moderate the session on Tuesday, Sept. 27.

Additional information regarding panel topics and confirmed participants will soon follow. To read more about sessions previously announced, visit [EducationNation.com/2011 Summit](http://EducationNation.com/2011_Summit). For The "Education Nation" sessions will be available for live or delayed viewing on EducationNation.com.

The 2011 Summit kicks off on Sunday, September 25 with "Meet the Press" at Rockefeller Plaza, followed by a two-hour Teacher Town Hall televised on MSNBC beginning at 12:00 PM/ET. For the entire week of September 25, "Nightly News," "Today," MSNBC, CNBC, Telemundo, The Weather Channel, msnbc.com, theGrio.com, EducationNation.com, iVillage and NBC's affiliate stations will highlight educational success stories, uncover sometimes staggering truths and myths about education, and help demonstrate how poor education cripples our economy and society.

Sponsors of the 2011 "Education Nation" Summit include University of Phoenix, State Farm®, Microsoft, The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, The Bezos Family Foundation, The W.K. Kellogg Foundation, and The Eli and Edythe Broad Foundation.

"Education Nation" seeks to create a thoughtful, well-informed dialogue with policymakers, thought-leaders, educators, parents and the public, in pursuit of the shared goal of providing every American with an opportunity to achieve the best education in the world. These discussions cover the challenges, potential solutions and innovations spanning the education landscape. By providing quality information to the public, NBC News hopes to educate Americans so they can make decisions about how best to improve our education system both in the near and long terms, and to shine a spotlight on one of the most urgent national issues of our time, so that America can once again become the Education Nation of the world.

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