



## **NBC NEWS CONVENES THOUSANDS OF TEACHERS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY FOR FIRST NATIONALLY TELEVISED CONVERSATION ABOUT TEACHING AT “EDUCATION NATION”**

### **Brian Williams to Moderate “Teacher Town Hall” Airing Live on MSNBC on Sunday, September 26**

New York, NY -- September 15, 2010 – NBC News will convene a nationwide gathering of thousands of teachers from across the country for the first-ever televised “Teacher Town Hall” as part of NBC News’ “Education Nation,” Sunday, September 26. Brian Williams, anchor and managing editor of “NBC Nightly News,” will moderate the discussion, which will focus on the most important challenges and opportunities facing teachers in America today.

“You can’t have a conversation about education, let alone a two-day summit and week of broadcasting around these issues, without the participation of teachers, parents and students,” said Steve Capus, President of NBC News. “This two-hour televised conversation will be the perfect way to kick off the week and set the tone for Education Nation.”

While hundreds of teachers will gather in-person at Rockefeller Plaza, teachers from across the country are invited to join the conversation virtually by registering to take part in the conversation at [www.educationnation.com](http://www.educationnation.com). During the meeting, teachers participating online and those at Rockefeller Center will together voice their priorities, brainstorm new ideas, discuss key issues, and ask questions of each other to advance the conversation about teaching in the United States.

The “Teacher Town Hall,” Sunday, September 26 at 12:00 PM EST, will air live on MSNBC and streamed online at EducationNation.com, Scholastic.com, iVillage.com and msnbc.com.

“I’m very excited to be able to participate in this ground-breaking discussion,” said Kelly Burnette, a science teacher at Hilliard High School in Nassau County, Florida. “Having a dedicated forum for teachers provides a rare opportunity to have a conversation about the issues that are truly important to teachers across the country. I hope this gathering will empower teachers to help their students become globally-minded problem solvers and spur new ideas to enhance student achievement.”

According to a Stanford University Study, teachers have a greater impact on student success than any other factor. As the foremost authorities in conversations about schools, teachers will play a critical role at “Education Nation.” The summit on Rockefeller Plaza convenes the foremost policymakers, elected officials, thought leaders, educators, members of the business community and engaged citizens in a national discussion about the challenges, potential solutions and innovations spanning today’s education landscape.

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