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WHO WILL SPEAK FOR THE CHILDREN?

May 7, 2013 (SAN FRANCISCO): Dr. Rudy Crew, a key player in education initiatives in the State of Oregon and former Chancellor of schools in New York and Miami-Dade counties, is in San Francisco. Dr. Crew is a leading voice on the critical issue of reinvigorating public education in America.

On Thursday, May 9th at 6:00pm, Dr. Rudy Crew will be the keynote speaker at the Partners in School Innovation (Partners) 20th Anniversary Gala Celebration at the Westin St. Francis in San Francisco. He will address the opportunity to stand together on behalf of children of color living in poverty, particularly as demographics shift and public education seeks to better serve even greater numbers of historically under-resourced student populations.

“We must move beyond the fear of change,” said Dr. Crew, “and help usher into the 21st century a public school system that provides a critical link between the students we have and the future we want to inhabit.”

Dr. Crew’s keynote address is part of Partners in School Innovation’s celebration of twenty years of transforming teaching and learning in the lowest-performing public schools so that every child, regardless of background, thrives. With lessons from dedicated work in the Bay Area, Partners is now taking its impact across the country, working hand-in-hand with teachers and leaders to strengthen teaching, learning and achievement in under-performing public schools and districts.

Derek Mitchell, CEO of Partners, noted, “Our work results in significant gains for underserved students. Last year in California, for example, our partner schools increased the percentage of elementary students reading at or above grade level by more than double the state rate. And for middle school students, we increased the percentage by nearly triple the state rate. We are excited to have Dr. Crew join us as a leading voice for the expansion of our approach to benefit all students nationally.”

About Partners in School Innovation:
Partners is a nonprofit organization that accelerates, strengthens and sustains improved teaching, learning and achievement in under-performing school and districts. We serve primarily African American, Latino and English language learners in low-income Bay Area communities and are successfully expanding to districts nationwide.

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