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## Thought Leader Convening Wednesday, April 18, 2018

8:30am – 2:30pm ET

### Gallup Headquarters

901 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20004

8:30 a.m. **Breakfast**

9:00 a.m. **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

- John Gomperts – President & CEO, America's Promise Alliance
- Mrs. Powell – Chair, America's Promise Alliance

9:15 a.m. **What is our current context?**

What brings us to this moment and this discussion today?

- Brandon Busted – Exec. Dir. Education & Workforce Development, Gallup

9:45 a.m. **What is *really* standing in the way of making big change for kids?**

- Nat Kendall-Taylor – CEO, The FrameWorks Institute

10:30 a.m. **Break**

10:45 a.m. **What can we learn from the Frontlines?**

- Sondra Samuels – President & CEO, Northside Achievement Zone
- Jonah Edelman – CEO, Stand for Children
- Sarah Hemminger – Co-Founder & CEO, Thread
- Ashley Connors Sherwin – VP External Affairs, Family Independence Initiative

11:15a.m. **What will it take to build Public Will?**

What do we mean by the public anymore?

What does modern day public will look like and what does it take to achieve?

- Juleanna Glover – Corporate Public Affairs Consultant
- Michael Skolnick – Co-Founder, The Soze Agency
- Ralph Smith – Managing Director, Campaign for Grade Level Reading

12:00 p.m. **Lunch**

12:30 p.m. **Interview with Dr. Biden**

- Dr. Jill Biden – Second Lady of the United States (2009-2017) and Honorary Co-chair, the Biden Foundation
- John Gomperts – President & CEO, America's Promise Alliance

1:00 p.m. **What is the Path Forward?**

A facilitated discussion on what we need to focus on to make young people a national priority.

- Paul Luna – President & CEO, The Helios Education Foundation

1:45 p.m. **Closing & Benediction**

- John Gomperts – President & CEO, America's Promise Alliance
- Rev. Dr. W. Wilson Goode, Sr. – Director, Amachi

