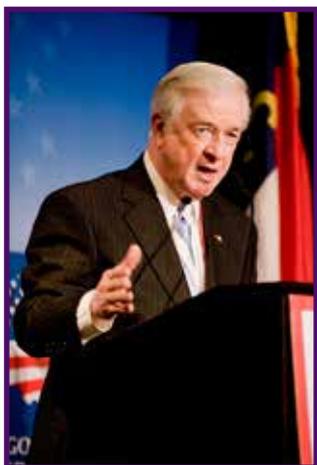




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WHO WE ARE

The Hunt Institute is a recognized leader in the movement to transform American public education. It works at the intersection of education policy and politics—empowering state leaders to drive sustainable reform and to become champions for public education.

Marshaling expertise from a nationwide partner network, the Institute connects leaders with the best strategies for developing and implementing policies and programs to improve public education. It brings together people and resources that help nurture visionary leadership and mobilize strategic action for greater educational outcomes and student success.

Through our convenings, publications, and leadership programs, The Institute inspires, educates, and equips elected officials and senior policymakers to make better, more informed decisions that will enhance student learning, provide equal access to high-quality schools and teachers, and increase educational opportunities for all children.

Established in 2001, The Hunt Institute honors the legacy of Governor James B. Hunt, Jr., who served a historic four terms as North Carolina's chief executive and whose lifelong commitment to public education earned him the distinction of the nation's first "education governor." The Institute is a 501(c)(3) independent, nonprofit. In July 2016, the Institute became an affiliate of the Duke University Sanford School of Public Policy to pursue joint research, programming opportunities, and events related to improving education policy.



WHAT WE DO

Critical to our mission is the unwavering commitment to nonpartisanship. In all our efforts, The Hunt Institute works to design strategy, shape policy, and drive educational improvements on the national and state levels in a manner that is conducive to bipartisan support and action. The Institute's main scope of work includes:

- Organizing cross-party, **invitation-only convenings** that bring together state chief executives and legislative leaders on education issues and policy developments in an environment that fosters learning, dialogue, and inspiration;
- Producing **nonpartisan, research-based briefings and publications** that are written specifically for decision-makers with pertinent case studies, best practices, and valuable resources from around the country;
- Nurturing a **new generation of state leaders** through targeted programs for future governors and policymakers;
- Building a **national platform for collaboration, coordinated communication, and strategic planning** among education, policy, and business organizations in support of college and career readiness, aligned student assessments, improved teacher quality, and effective school leadership; and
- Providing resources, professional contacts, **advisory services and strategic counsel** to individuals and organizations that are championing education reform.



SIGNATURE INITIATIVES

The Hunt-Kean Leadership Fellows

By investing in America's political leaders, The Hunt Institute aims to build a cadre of informed and motivated educational leaders

with the necessary influence to reform state education systems and improve outcomes. The **Hunt-Kean Leadership Fellows**, named for renowned education governors Jim Hunt and Tom Kean, former Republican governor of New Jersey (1982-1990), was launched in the fall of 2014. Unlike any other fellowship in the nation, the nonpartisan program provides senior state-level political leaders with the core knowledge they need to cultivate smart and effective education agendas.

During the course of the nine-month program, Fellows engage with high-caliber resource experts in education, policy, and politics through two on-site sessions and a variety of webinars, school visits and personalized in-state sessions and regional site visits.

To ensure that each cohort has the opportunity to learn from the experiences of previous policy leaders, the program benefits from an Advisory Board comprised of former governors—balanced evenly between Democrats and Republicans—who have established reputations for improving public education and working across the aisle. The former governors are personally engaged with the Fellows; they attend the on-site sessions and offer ongoing advice and counsel.



“The Hunt-Kean Leadership program is a real source of learning and helps good leaders become even better leaders. I am elated to be a part of this group, and I’m looking forward to applying my newfound skills as we set out to tackle challenges, craft policies, and provide better tools to help improve our state education systems.”

— California State Treasurer John Chiang,
Fellows Alumnus; Cohort 2

Once the cohort completes the fellowship, it joins an elite national network of alumni, comprised of many of the highest-ranking elected state officials in the nation who have committed themselves to a K-12 education policy immersion.



“As a Hunt-Kean Leadership Fellow, I further developed the skills needed to govern. The fellowship provided me with resources and knowledge I use to this day.”

—Governor Kate Brown of Oregon,
Fellows Alumna; Cohort 1

Governors Education Symposium

The Hunt Institute delivers a variety of programs and services to the nation's governors and other education policy leaders to help deepen their knowledge on education issues, help develop state-specific strategies, or consult on in-state programming that aims to replicate Hunt Institute convenings. The Institute's **Governors Education Symposium** brings together the nation's governors to engage in candid dialogue about critical challenges facing education. Each symposium examines a variety of core education issues, incorporating the latest research from state and national experts and best practices from across the United States. The cross-party symposia are held in settings where governors receive in-depth information from leading resource experts, examine the best approaches to critical challenges facing public education, and interact with their peers about the successes and difficulties they have encountered within their own states.



“The Hunt Institute has been a lighthouse, a beacon really, for new ideas, for creativity and the exchange of best practices and for really willing [us] to be bold, to be on the cutting edge in terms of reform.”

—Former Governor Tim Pawlenty of Minnesota (2003-2011)

Holshouser Legislators Retreat

Systemic educational improvement must be a collaborative effort, and no matter how visionary a governor may be, he or she cannot do it



HOLSHOUSER LEGISLATORS RETREAT

alone. Legislators are the lynchpin of any education reform effort. They approve budgets, pass laws, and implement policies that affect students, teachers, and the classroom. Legislative turnover demands clear, action-based information on education and research in order to fill the knowledge void.

Guided by the bipartisanship Governor Hunt encouraged throughout his gubernatorial career, the *North Carolina Legislators Retreat* was established in 2003. Thereafter, The Hunt Institute has convened a yearly retreat for state legislators in North Carolina. The Retreat is a two-day event derived from the belief that effective education reform must be understood, if not driven, by those making decisions in committees and on the legislative floor.



This invitation-only event was initially co-convened by Governor Hunt and former Republican North Carolina Governor Jim Holshouser; in 2012, it was named for Holshouser in honor of his commitment to public education and bipartisanship. The **Holshouser Legislators Retreat** (HLR) provides legislators from both parties a unique opportunity to learn about education issues, seek advice from state and national experts, and find common ground.

The Hunt Institute makes a special effort to recruit the participation of legislative leaders and committee chairs—especially those charged with education oversight and appropriations. Most important, the Institute strives to ensure that the event is of a strong bipartisan nature. On average, there are 70 lawmakers in attendance with an even balance of party representation. The results are far-reaching, but the approach is simple: give legislators the information they need.

Our staff collaborates with legislative leadership and key staff to develop an agenda that tackles subject matter pertinent to the policymakers' interests as well as to the upcoming legislative session. The Institute also develops comprehensive issue briefs and policy primers to accompany the topics covered during the event.

State Legislative Retreats

The HLR model has been successfully replicated in other states. The Institute works collaboratively with states and organizations to formulate agendas that meet state-specific needs and to ensure a successful event by sharing our programming approach and expertise.



Research, Publications, and Coalition Building

The dissemination of unbiased, research-based information about education issues to policymakers is a core part of the Institute's mission. Hunt Institute experts get to the core of the issues through conducting extensive analysis and research—identifying emerging strategies worth replicating, and recognizing the voices from around the country that offer new approaches to affect change. Three national and state-level publications written by Hunt Institute staff, ***re:VISION***, ***coNCEpts*** and ***Did You Know?***, have been well-received by policymakers and are targeted to governors and their education advisors, legislators, superintendents, local education agencies, and higher education leaders. These publications can be found in our resource library on our website at www.hunt-institute.org.

The Hunt Institute has an active presence in social media, including our blog, *The Intersection*. It is a forum that provides education experts and guest contributors a platform for thoughtful commentary on policy, leadership, and student success.

It is the Institute's work on the college- and career-ready standards that led to an extensive, nationwide partner network that collaborates on emerging issues, leverages organizational resources, and transforms ideas into implementation strategies. This far-reaching alliance serves as a catalyst for knowledge building and information sharing, cohesive engagement around specific issues, and the identification of resources with sweeping impact. The following is a growing list of some of our partners:

- Alliance for Excellent Education
- Business Roundtable
- Council of Chief State School Officers
- Council of the Great City Schools
- Data Quality Campaign
- Duke University Sanford School of Public Policy
- Education Commission of the States
- The Education Trust
- National Governors Association
- National Conference of State Legislators
- National Council of LaRaza
- National Council of Teachers of Mathematics
- North Carolina Science, Mathematics, and Technical Education Center
- North Carolina Chamber
- Southern Regional Education Board

MOVING THE VISION FORWARD

The Hunt Institute is led by the James B. Hunt, Jr. Institute for Educational Leadership and Policy Foundation Board, which includes some of the nation's leading education experts, policymakers, and business leaders—all united in championing quality education.

With an abundance of collective experience and varied backgrounds, The Hunt Institute's professional staff, led by executive director and CEO Dr. Javaid Siddiqi, is exceptionally equipped to carry out The Institute's mission. From the boardroom to the classroom, The Hunt Institute's team puts knowledge, initiative, and connections to work for the future of public education.

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