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PDK holds conversation about SEL

ARLINGTON, Va. — U.S. adults rank student engagement and hopefulness for their children's future as far more important than standardized test results as a measure of a school's effectiveness, according to this year's 47th annual PDK/Gallup Poll of the Public's Attitudes Toward the Public Schools (pdkpoll.org).

Research also shows that students with high emotional intelligence and strong social-emotional learning (SEL) skills excel in the classroom and in life. Please join PDK for a thoughtful conversation about ways to apply SEL in the classroom and to discuss methods to measure success.

Confirmed participants include Tim Shriver, chairman, Special Olympics and author of *Fully Alive* (Farrar, Straus, & Giroux, 2014); Shane Lopez, senior scientist, Gallup and author of *Making Hope Happen* (Atria, 2013); Jessica Lahey, author of *The Gift of Failure* (HarperCollins, 2015); Joshua Starr, chief executive officer, PDK International; Daniel Cardinali, CEO, Communities in Schools; and Diego Uriburu, CEO, Identity.

Tentative schedule

8:00 a.m. — Continental breakfast

8:30 a.m. — Welcome remarks

9:00 a.m. — Keynotes & practitioner panel

Noon — Book sales and signing

The Gallup Building, 901 F Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20004

Invitation only. Due to limited space, registration is required. For more information, please contact Elaine Leibsohn (eleibsohn@pdkintl.org).

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