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**15 Years and Still *A Nation at Risk*?  
Prominent Education Reformers Convene to Assess Condition  
of U.S. Schools**

***Diverse coalition of business leaders, activists and policymakers to  
appraise the state of American education fifteen years after  
"A Nation At Risk" and discuss a comprehensive reform agenda.***

(Washington, DC; April 1, 1998) On Friday, April 3, thirty of the nation's most prominent education reformers, business leaders and policymakers will be joined by three former Commission members and staff of the 1983 *A Nation at Risk* report. Upon calling this meeting, William J. Bennett, co-director of Empower America said, "The nation's dismal showing on the Third International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) is among the most alarming education results of the last 15 years. Clearly we need to be concerned. And clearly, we need to act."

The group will discuss the findings of the '83 report, assess and compare the state of education today, and determine actions and recommend suitable solutions.

A press conference will follow immediately at 1:15. Any questions regarding the event will be answered at that time, and a list of participants will be provided at the press conference.

**Date: Friday, April 3, 1998  
Time: 1:15pm  
Place: Buchanan Room  
The Willard Hotel  
1401 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW**

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