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Two of the Country's Top Educators Join NCEE's Board of Trustees

The National Center Welcomes Head of KY Higher Education System Robert King and Harvard's Robert Schwartz

Washington, DC – Robert King, president of the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education, and Robert Schwartz, Francis Keppel Professor of Practice in Educational Policy and Administration at the Harvard Graduate School of Education (HGSE), have joined the National Center on Education and the Economy's (NCEE) Board of Trustees today.

"Bob King and Bob Schwartz are two of this nation's most highly respected educators and the National Center is fortunate to have them on its Board of Trustees," said Marc Tucker, President and CEO of NCEE. "Bob Schwartz brings his experiences as a high school teacher, principal, a governor's education advisor, foundation executive and university dean to the National Center which is [deeply involved with benchmarking the top-performing education systems around the world](#) – many systems that Bob knows well. Bob King also has had a sterling career in government at both the state and county level. His efforts to bring best-in-class educational opportunities to all of the students in the states he has led have made him an invaluable partner in the National Center's [work on bringing world-class instructional systems to U.S. high schools](#)."

Robert King previously served as county executive in Monroe County in New York State and as president and CEO of the Arizona Community Foundation, a statewide charitable foundation with a strong focus on education, economic development and scientific research. He is a former budget director for New York State and the former chancellor of the State University of New York (SUNY), one of the largest comprehensive systems of universities, colleges, and community colleges in the world.

Prior to joining the faculty of HGSE, Schwartz served as the first president of Achieve, Inc., a national non-profit organization founded by a bipartisan group of governors and corporate leaders to help state leaders improve their schools. He also formerly directed the education grant-making program of The Pew Charitable Trusts. In 2011 he co-authored [Pathways to Prosperity: Meeting the Challenge of Preparing Young Americans for the 21st Century](#), and chapters on Finland and Ontario in NCEE's latest book, [Surpassing Shanghai: An Agenda for American Education Built on the World's Leading Systems](#).

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