



Who:

Invited guests include: Governor, Federal Representatives, State Representatives, State Education Chief, State Board of Education Members, District Superintendent, Local School Board Members, Principals and Following the Leader Representatives

What:

A ceremony recognizing the schools selected for the Following the Leaders program in each of the six participating states. Local, state and national officials will gather to express their support, make statements, offer interviews to local media, and pose for photographs.

A group of students and teachers should be selected to sing the national anthem, and school anthem as available, before the Following the Leaders flag is.

Schools may choose for the flag to hang on permanent display outdoors or, following the ceremony, they may bring it indoors as a banner in a common area.

The day of the event students will receive stickers, recognizing their school as a Following the Leaders school. The school will also receive posters a week before the event to post in every classroom and in the hallways of the school.

When:

Events need to be scheduled in October 2002. They will be coordinated through Kimberly Tulp, (202) 261-2605, in the press office of Following the Leaders at Education Leaders Council.

Where:

An event will take place in one school per district, with the remaining schools raising their flags on the same day. Based on availability, Following the Leaders representatives will attend as many school events as possible.

Why:

Following the Leaders presents schools and communities with a unique opportunity to showcase a “can-do” spirit for the rest of the nation. Through the Following the Leaders program, teachers will use new tools and resources to demonstrate that the principles of *No Child Left Behind* can become standard practice – all that is needed is proactive leadership.

