



Bob Wise

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Bob Wise is president of the Alliance for Excellent Education and former governor of West Virginia. He currently cochairs the Digital Learning Council with Jeb Bush, former governor of Florida. Governor Wise also chairs the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

Under Governor Wise's leadership, the Alliance continues to build its reputation as a respected authority on high school policy by advocating for reform in America's secondary education system and working to ensure that all students graduate from high school prepared for college, careers, and to be contributing members of society.

Since joining the Alliance in February 2005, Governor Wise has become a sought-after speaker and advisor on education issues. He has advised the U.S. Department of Education, White House Transition Team, and frequently testifies before the U.S. Congress. In 2011, Governor Wise was named to The NonProfit Times "Power & Influence Top 50," an annual listing of the fifty most influential executives in the nonprofit sector. Governor Wise has appeared on national television and radio programs such as *Lou Dobbs Tonight* (CNN), the *Charlie Rose Show* (PBS), the *Diane Rehm Show* (NPR), and *Washington Journal* (C-SPAN), among others. He is also author of the book *Raising the Grade: How High School Reform Can Save Our Youth and Our Nation*.

As governor of West Virginia from 2001 to 2005, he fought for and signed legislation to fund the PROMISE Scholarship program and created the Governor's Helpline for Safer Schools. During his administration, West Virginia saw a significant increase in the number of students completing high school and entering college. From 1983 to 2001, Governor Wise served in the U.S. House of Representatives representing the 2nd District of West Virginia, where he aggressively worked to preserve federal financial aid for students to attend college and served as a member of the House Education and Labor Committee.

Governor Wise serves on the board of directors of the Public Education Network and C-Change. He is an advisory committee member for several organizations, including the Springboard Project, Campaign for Educational Equity, Editorial Projects in Education, the National High School Center, the Bay Area Coalition for Equitable Schools, and the Moffitt Cancer Center. Governor Wise earned a bachelor's degree from Duke University and a JD from Tulane University School of Law.