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**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA PRESIDENT JANET NAPOLITANO AND
SUPERVISOR HILDA L. SOLIS ADDRESS 5TH ANNUAL FAMILIES IN SCHOOLS
ALLIANCE 2017 SUMMIT & PARENT ENGAGEMENT AWARDS**

*Alliance 2017 Theme "Education Without Borders" Speaks to the Current Political Climate
and Actions Needed to Continue to Promote the Importance of Academic Success*

**Alliance 2017 Summit & Parent Engagement Awards
8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 2, 2017
Omni Los Angeles Hotel at California Plaza
251 S. Olive Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012**

LOS ANGELES, CA (Oct. 25, 2017) – Families In Schools, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to involve parents and communities in their children's education to achieve lifelong success, announced that approximately 400 education advocates, partners, educators, and parents will gather on Thursday, November 2 at the [Alliance 2017 Summit & Parent Engagement Awards](#). Presented by Families In Schools, Alliance 2017 will feature University of California President Janet Napolitano as a keynote speaker, and Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis as an ambassador guest speaker. ABC7's Weekend Meteorologist Kimi Evans will serve as the conference emcee.

"For the past four years, we've held the Alliance Summit to bring together parents, educators, and community leaders to discuss the most pressing issues impacting student achievement," said Oscar Cruz, President and CEO of Families In Schools. "The theme *Education Without Borders* became clear long before President Trump's rescinding of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), yet it speaks directly to the political climate we are facing in our nation today."

The event is expected to bring out a diverse range of participants from elected officials to educators, philanthropists, nonprofit partners, and parents—all with a common goal to build partnerships for student success.

"What makes the Alliance Summit a powerful event for attendees is it puts policy makers, advocates, educators, and parents in one room, working and learning together towards the common goal of promoting academic success for the students we serve," said Cruz. "We are honored to have University of California President Janet Napolitano and Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis—two strong advocates for the power of education—join in the discussion of creating equitable partnerships that benefit families here in Los Angeles and across the state."

Alliance 2017 will host more than 15 breakout sessions on pressing issues ranging from immigrant resources, parent engagement, college and career readiness, defending DACA and special needs advocacy.

AGENDA

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Opening

Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, First District Special Remarks

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Concurrent Sessions

12 breakout learning sessions for participants

12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m. Keynote and Awards Lunch

President of the University of California, Janet Napolitano

Honoring: Parent Leaders and Advocates

Gayle Miller Corporate Award Presented to The Boeing Company

The Community Champion Award Presented to the California Community Foundation

2:15 p.m. – 3 p.m. Concurrent Sessions

Six breakout learning sessions for participants

Agenda is subject to change. To view full session descriptions, please visit

www.familiesinschools.org/alliance2017.

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Credentialed Media who would like to attend MUST RSVP in advance. Media credentials are required and all non-registered media will not be permitted to enter. Please RSVP to:

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About Families in Schools

Families In Schools (FIS) is a nonprofit organization based in Los Angeles whose mission is to involve parents and communities in their children's education to achieve lifelong success. For sixteen years, FIS has provided capacity building to schools and organizations to effectively empower and engage parents in supporting their child's education. Currently, FIS partners with over 400 schools and organizations state and nationwide to help families fulfill their role as their child's first teacher. For more information, please visit:

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