

WHITE HOUSE REMARKS

GOOD AFTERNOON! I WANT TO FIRST THANK PRESIDENT TRUMP'S ADMINISTRATION FOR THE INVITATION TO THE WHITE HOUSE TO HAVE THIS CONVERSATION ABOUT THE IMPORTANT AGENDA FOR SUSTAINING AND BUILDING A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR PRIVATE AND PUBLIC HBCU'S. IN MY SIXTEEN YEARS AS A COLLEGE PRESIDENT THIS HAS NEVER HAPPEN, AND I THANK YOU FOR THIS MEETING.

THE TALLADEGA COLLEGE MARCHING TORNADO BAND WAS SO PROUD TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MARCH IN THE 58TH PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURAL PARADE. IT WAS TRULY A HISTORICAL HISTORY MAKING EXPERIENCE FOR OUR STUDENTS MARCHING DOWN PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE BEING APART OF A GREAT AMERICAN CIVIC CEREMONY. I WOULD LIKE TO ALSO GIVE A SPECIAL THANKS TO OMAROSA MANIGAULT AND OTHERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT DURING THIS VERY TRYING MOMENT FOR THE BAND AND ME THAT ENDED IN A GREAT SUCCESS.

OUR HBCU'S PLAY A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN AMERICA'S K-12 EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM. WITH THE MOVEMENT IN STATES TO APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CHARTER SCHOOLS THERE IS A NEED TO ENSURE THAT THERE ARE QUALITY TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATOR'S WORKING IN THESE CHARTER SCHOOLS. I WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE IN TEACHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENTS THAT WOULD DESIGN AND DELIVER HIGH-QUALITY PROFESSIONAL LEARNING FOR TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS OF DIVERSE STUDENTS IN URBAN, RURAL, AND HIGH POVERTY COMMUNITIES.

ADDITIONALLY, I SEE THE NEED FOR ESTABLISHING IN OUR TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS, CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE TO EXPAND AND DEVELOP COMPETENCY-BASED TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS, THAT CLEARLY FOCUSES ON PORTFOLIO, PRIOR EXPERIENCES, AND FIELD EXPERIENCES.

AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR THIS CONVERSATION.