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**Lowell Milken,  
Chairman and Co-Founder,  
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Educational pioneer and reformer, Lowell Milken is chairman and president of the Milken Family Foundation (MFF), which he co-founded in 1982. Under his leadership, MFF has become one of the largest and most innovative private foundations in the U.S., funding and working with more than 500 organizations around the world committed to the interests of young people, K-12 education and medical research. Its most acclaimed program is the annual Milken National Educator Awards, now in 42 states and conceived by Milken nearly 20 years ago to recognize, retain and attract quality talent to the teaching profession. Milken is also co-founder of the Milken Institute, an economic think tank.

Recently named by *Worth Magazine* as one of America's 15 most generous philanthropists, Milken has contributed to a wide range of efforts that help people develop their human capital and lead productive, fulfilling lives.

As a consistent advocate of innovative initiatives to enhance the role of educators and improve the quality of education for our nation's children, Milken introduced the Teacher Advancement Program (TAP) in 1999. As a comprehensive proposal to restructure the teaching profession while continuing to honor the essence of the nation's public education system, TAP is making an impact nationwide through its unique integration of five key principles: multiple career paths, market-driven compensation, performance-based accountability, expanded supply of quality teachers, and applied professional development.

As a businessman, Milken is chairman of London-based Heron International, a worldwide leader in property development, and co-founder of Knowledge Universe, Inc., which operates, incubates and invests in leading companies that drive the Internet economy and that help individuals and businesses to realize their full potential.

The recipient of numerous awards from such organizations as the National Association of State Boards of Education, the Horace Mann League, and the National Association of Secondary School Principals, Milken is a product of California's public school system. He graduated *summa cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa from the University of California at Berkeley, where he was recognized with the School of Business Administration's Most Outstanding Student Award. He was awarded his law degree from the University of California, Los Angeles, with the distinctions of Order of the Coif and UCLA Law Review. He and his wife of 26 years, Sandy, have four sons.