

***Plyler v. Doe* at 30 Years:**  
**Keeping Public Schools Open to All of America's Children**  
*Implications for Alabama's Immigration Law and Beyond*

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***“By denying these children a basic education,  
we deny them the ability to live within the structure of our civic institutions,  
and foreclose any realistic possibility that they will contribute  
in even the smallest way to the progress of our Nation.” —Plyler v. Doe***

Thirty years after the Supreme Court in *Plyler v. Doe* ensured equal access to public education to all children, regardless of their citizenship or immigration status, national education and civil rights leaders will reflect on *Plyler's* legacy.

Eight months ago, Alabama law HB 56 went into effect, and led to:

- The tripling of Hispanic student absentee rates
- 13.4 percent of Hispanic children withdrawing from Alabama public schools
- Hispanic parents in Alabama being unable to participate in their children's education

As schools in Alabama and beyond grapple with meeting their civil rights obligations to provide a safe and welcoming environment for all students, join us in examining the legacy and impact of *Plyler* on America's future.

**LIST OF SPEAKERS**

*KEYNOTE SPEAKERS*

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