

Jeb Bush expected to announce presidential run at Miami Dade College

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SOUTHWEST MIAMI-DADE, Fla. (WSVN) -- Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush is expected to confirm he will be running for president in 2016 Monday afternoon, and the anticipated campaign launch is set to take place at a South Florida college campus.

Sunday, Bush released a video on Twitter called "Making a Difference." "He does it because he is a true servant. He is the best voice that we can have," said a Bush supporter in the video.

The clip covers his time as governor, with a focus on addressing domestic abuse, children with special needs, access to education and expanding economic opportunities. "We need to start fixing things. I said I was going to do these things and I did them, and the result was, Florida is a lot better off," Bush said in the video.

"So many people could do so much better if we fix a few things," he said in another part of the video.

June has been a busy month for Bush. After an awards ceremony in Miami June 5, he took off for a weeklong trip to Europe. At a stop in Estonia on the last leg of his trip Saturday, he said, "How we restore trust in government, I think, is going to be a great challenge for the next president, for sure. I don't think it's going to happen overnight."

He is scheduled to return to the U.S. Monday, and to Miami Dade College's Kendall Campus, where he is expected to officially throw his hat in the ring. He will join a crowded field of Republican contenders, including U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., a fellow South Floridian.

The candidate who wins in a potential showdown between Bush and Rubio in the Republican primary in Florida will garner a sizable share of delegates. In May, state lawmakers changed the primary to a "winner take all" setup, which means the candidate on top will receive all of Florida's delegates instead of having them divided proportionally according to results. This would be a big boost for a candidate facing a packed field of Republican contenders.

Speaking with CNN, Bush acknowledged it could take some time to pull away from the pack. "I don't know how many people are running. Last count, there were double digits. That's a very competitive field," he said. "It will take time. It always does. People make up their mind in the last weeks of these primaries, so my expectation is that we'll have slow, steady progress. That's been the expectation all along."

Bush's announcement is scheduled to take place at 3 p.m. at MDC Kendall's Theodore R. Gibson Health Center. On Tuesday, Bush is scheduled to go to New Hampshire, and then on to Iowa and South Carolina.



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