

Defending Public Education:
Building a Statewide Coalition to Keep Public Schools Public
March 10, 2019, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Adams County Government Center
4430 S. Adams County Parkway, Brighton

AGENDA

9:45 Doors open/check-in

10:15 Introduction by C4PEP on purpose of Summit and goals for the day, Honorable Judy Solano and Manuel Solano, C4PEP

10:30 Brief review of history of “Education Reform” in the U.S. and Colorado, Ilana Spiegel, C4PEP

11:00 Keynote Speaker Jorge Montiel, Lead Organizer for IAF, “Building Coalitions to Defend and Protect Public Education.”

11:15 - Panel #1:

- Wendy Howell - Working Families Party
- Tiffany Choi - Caucus of Today’s Teachers
- Lori Goldstein – Community Action Network
- Jason Virdin – Douglas County Parents
- Roshan Bliss - Project VOYCE

12:00 Lunch and networking

12:30 Keynote Speaker Jessica Campbell-Swanson, Political Consultant & Owner of Brighter Days Strategies, “Reframing the Message.”

12:45 Panel #2:

- Angela Engel – Author and Founder of Uniting4Kids
- Hasira “Soul” Ashemu – Our Voices, Our Schools
- Nora Brown – Colorado PTA
- Joyce Brooks – NAACP Colorado State Conference

1:30 Breakout groups:

- Reframing the Message – Jody Rein, Indivisible
- Issues Impacting Our Schools Now – Trish Ramsey, Community Uniting for Positive Change
- Organizing for Successful Outcomes – Joe Zemek, Democracy Enter Colorado
- Legislative Action - Senator Michael Merrifield
- Including Student Voices and Perspectives - Roshan Bliss, Project VOYCE

2:30 Report-outs from breakout groups

3:00 Announcements and closing