

Colorado Dropout Summit for School District Leaders
Friday, October 16th, 2009
Arvada High School, 7951 W. 65th Ave.
Arvada, CO 80004

Sponsored by: America's Promise Alliance and State Farm Insurance

Co-convened by: Office of Governor Bill Ritter, Jr.,

Colorado Department of Education and Colorado Graduates Initiative

Purpose

Enhance, advance and accelerate district efforts to increase graduation rates, recover dropouts, and engage students. Activities at the summit will include:

- Develop and work with your district teams
- Plan/revisit/revise your course of action
- Hear about advances in best practices from districts in Colorado and around the country
- Network with colleagues from other districts
- Learn about state and federal opportunities
 - Colorado Graduates Initiative
 - New CDE Office of Dropout Prevent and Student Re-engagement
 - Federal funding (ARRA, Race to the Top, Investing in Innovative Ideas, and more)

Agenda

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| 8:00-8:30 | Coffee and Registration |
| 8:30-8:40 | Welcome and Charge for the Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kick-off (Chris Watney, President, Colorado Children's Campaign) • Welcome (Kathy Norton, Principal, Arvada High School; Cindy Stevenson, Superintendent, Jefferson County Schools) • America's Promise video |
| 8:40-9:25 | The Colorado Graduates Initiative: Prevention, Recovery and Policy (Alex Medler, Vice President for Research and Analysis, Colorado Children's Campaign; Steve Dobo, Executive Director, Colorado Youth for a Change; Ken Seeley, President and Chief Executive Officer, National Center for School Engagement) |
| 9:25-9:40 | The New Role from the Colorado Department of Education: Office of Dropout Prevention and Student Re-engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction (Representative Karen Middleton) • Overview (Dr. Barbara Medina, Assistant Commissioner, Colorado Department of Education) |
| 9:40-9:50 | Charge for the Work Ahead (Lieutenant Governor Barbara O'Brien) |
| 9:50-10:00 | Break |
| 10:00-10:45 | Workshop Sessions |
| 11:00-11:45 | Workshop Sessions |

Workshop Topics:

- Comprehensive Planning Approach- Boulder Valley Schools
- Community Advocates and Truancy Connections- Pueblo City Schools, Project Respect
- Ninth Grade Transition Focus- Denver Public Schools and Aurora Public Schools
- Building Level Policy & Practice Review and Interventions- Office of Dropout Prevention and Recovery- Jefferson County Schools
- Early Warning System- Adams 14, Pueblo 60, Aurora Public Schools
- New School Development- Aurora Public Schools
- Colorado Research Studies: Rural Schools, Gender Differences, and Johns Hopkins
- Student Engagement in Dropout Prevention and Recovery- Project VOYCE

- 11:45-12:45 Lunch and Keynote (Carmita Vaughn, Chief Strategy Officer, America's Promise Alliance)
- 12:45-2:15 Local Action Planning Work Session
- 2:15-2:30 Break
- 2:30-3:15 Federal Funding and District Opportunities (Nina Lopez, Director of ARRA, CDE)
- 3:15-3:45 Next Steps for Local Action and Q & A (CGI)
- 3:45-3:55 Closing and Next Steps for State Action (Governor Bill Ritter, Jr.)
- 3:55-4:00 Wrap-up (Steve Dobo)