

A4PEP Update #3

Forum on Testing

Mark your calendars for **January 21, 1:00-2:30 p.m.** A4PEP will be hosting a forum on Zoom featuring Illana Spiegel, CU Regent, and Harry Feder, Executive Director, who will be informing us about [FairTest](#), an organization that works to end the misuses and flaws of standardized testing and ensure that the evaluation of schools, teachers, and students is fair, open, valid, and educationally beneficial. This should be a lively conversation! Details will be sent to you in the future.

Colorado's Flawed Accountability System

Dr. Paula Noonan has researched our state accountability system, based on the data reported to the public, and [produced a report](#) which Judy Solano, chair of A4PEP, says “shows a system of inequity” and “proves that “our current accountability system is discriminatory and segregating.”

Task Force or Task Farce

A4PEP fought very hard for a review of the accountability system that was passed in 2022. Subsequently we pushed for a task force to analyze the findings of the audit and recommend changes in the system, so that students, schools, and districts highly impacted by poverty, minorities, English language learners, and students with disabilities would not be punished by the system, which is based primarily on high-stakes testing.

A task force to do this was created in 2023. A4PEP hopes to use the results of the Noonan Report to inform the task force – and the Legislature when it receives the task force's reports – to expose the flaws in the current accountability system so that a better one can be created.