

A4PEP pandemic forum chat content 4 June 2020

From Brandon Shaffer to Everyone: 03:15 PM  
Sorry to join late ...

From Lori Goldstein to Everyone: 03:23 PM  
The host cannot raise their hand

From Marty Gutierrez to Everyone: 03:23 PM  
If you click on Participants at the bottom, you can raise your hand.

From \*\*\*Therese Gilbert to Everyone: 03:23 PM  
click on participants to raise hand

From Ryan Case, AFT CO to Everyone: 03:23 PM  
You can click "raise hand" after clicking participants

From Lorenzo A Trujillo, Ed.D., J.D. to Everyone: 03:23 PM  
RAISE YOUR HAND ON THE REACTIONS WINDOW AT THE BOTTOM OF YOUR PAGE.

From Me to Everyone: 03:24 PM  
I would also acknowledge Ilana for her work to build our forerunner organization.

From Evie Hudak to Everyone: 03:25 PM  
I would like to acknowledge Ilana Spiegel and Jim Earley also for working on C4PEP, our forerunner.

From Tim Kubik to Everyone: 03:26 PM  
This is a VERY important issue.

From \*\*\*Therese Gilbert to Everyone: 03:26 PM  
@ Kirsten - agree, this will be a challenge

From KIRSTEN MYERS-BLAKE to Everyone: 03:29 PM  
Sharon - Agree. It's not just not turning in - but it is even their ability to "get on" when facilitating a digital classroom.

From Tim Kubik to Everyone: 03:31 PM  
When comparing states people may find this spreadsheet interesting:  
[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1F543PJ7R4SgHT\\_19on7ttkUg\\_357RF2wLEiy\\_S97gH0/edit#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1F543PJ7R4SgHT_19on7ttkUg_357RF2wLEiy_S97gH0/edit#gid=0)

From Lorenzo A Trujillo, Ed.D., J.D. to Everyone: 03:31 PM

Hey team, regrets but I will have to leave for the Dentist but want to let you know that Congressman Joe Neguse has convened a Latino Advisory Council. I, along with 21 others, sit on this Council. Our role is to advise and consult on federal issues. I will be following up on the issues related to accreditation that we discussed. If there are other items for me to communicate on behalf of A4PEP, please let me know. Thank you.

From Susie Hidalgo-Fahring to Everyone: 03:32 PM  
Lorenzo, I thought your name looked familiar. I'm on that Advisory Council as well!

From KIRSTEN MYERS-BLAKE to Everyone: 03:33 PM  
Joann- that's exactly what I was trying to say as well. We have to have deep RELATIONSHIPS and communication systems with families in order to make our digital classrooms "work"

From Nora to Everyone: 03:34 PM  
Was just on national forum on education issues that is predicting largest achievement loss for 2019-2020 - should speak to how ineffective remote learning is.

From Ilana Spiegel to Everyone: 03:34 PM  
Thanks for the shout out, Judy. Such an important conversation today. I am wondering about the faces we aren't seeing today or hearing from, or black students and families, who are being hit doubly hard by both the health and economic impacts of COVID. What more can we do to support our BIPOC to access and attain education during and after the pandemic? What can we do to ensure their voices are part of these conversations?

From Evie Hudak to Everyone: 03:38 PM  
We have been working with Joyce Brooks from NAACP. We asked her to be on our board, but she is busy doing other advocacy things.

From \*\*\*Therese Gilbert to Everyone: 03:38 PM  
I do have my hand raised

From Evie Hudak to Everyone: 03:39 PM  
We also work with Jose Montiel and other active Latinos. Xochitl, don't assume from who decided to join us today that this is representative of our coalition.

From cindyreher to Everyone: 03:39 PM  
agree

From Evie Hudak to Everyone: 03:40 PM  
Oops, Jorge, not Jose, Montiel

From Ilana Spiegel to Everyone: 03:41 PM  
What I hear is that the voices of BIPOC students, parents, and families, need to be centered in any conversation, and on the board.

From Lisa Escarcega to Everyone: 03:45 PM  
Well said Illana

From Me to Everyone: 03:50 PM  
We of A4PEP have had greater diversity on our board, but one went off to California. I forget where the other moved to.

From Ilana Spiegel to Everyone: 03:57 PM  
Here is Tim's message again with the link: When comparing states people may find this spreadsheet interesting:  
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From Carla Aguilar to Everyone: 04:02 PM  
The messaging and vocabulary matter. I agree.  
This might help with some of this discussion that is taking place:  
<https://www.cde.state.co.us/communications/needsinventory-results>

From Nora to Everyone: 04:03 PM  
CDE draft guidelines for 20-21 available for review and input requested. Valuable for all to see what is being considered and weigh in:  
[cde.state.co.us/planning20-21](http://cde.state.co.us/planning20-21)

From Carla Aguilar to Everyone: 04:03 PM  
<https://www.cde.state.co.us/planning20-21>  
This is the link for the feedback.

From Susie Hidalgo-Fahring to Everyone: 04:06 PM  
Hi Marty! THANK YOU!

From Lori Goldstein to Everyone: 04:06 PM  
Marty: Thanks for sharing your insights!

From Jan Tanner to Everyone: 04:11 PM  
FYI Comcast is willing to forgive past due accounts when districts are trying to offer broadband to all students. Contact them.

From Sally Augden to Everyone: 04:14 PM  
[fairtaxcolorado.org](http://fairtaxcolorado.org)!

From Lisa Escarcega to Everyone: 04:14 PM  
Signing petition day is June 13 with locations all over the state

From Lori Goldstein to Everyone: 04:15 PM

Ask the legislature to refer the repeal of Galleghar and then vote for it!

From Nora to Everyone: 04:15 PM

Critical to get Fair Tax CO on the ballot - polling shows over 60% support if it get to the voters. Petition gathering is imperative - and so difficult without large group gatherings. Please see how you can help!!

From Kathy Plomer to Everyone: 04:21 PM

Adams 12 has also sent a letter to the governor. He has already said he supports the repeal of Gallagher but has not signed on in support of 271.

From Susie Hidalgo-Fahring to Everyone: 04:23 PM

I am going to have to go. Thank you for putting this together. Let me know if you want further perspective on racial equity and policy. As a parent of a student on an IEP I can also give that parent perspective.

From Lisa Escarcega to Everyone: 04:27 PM

CEA and many of us have put together a waiver document asking the state board to consider waiving many assessments - goes right along with what Don is saying  
The waivers include grad requirements and SB 191 for upcoming year(s)

From vgmik to Everyone: 04:28 PM

100% in agreement with Don. Definitely believe it is a perfect issue for A4PEP.

From Ilana Spiegel to Everyone: 04:28 PM

Thank you, Lisa!

From Kathy Plomer to Everyone: 04:29 PM

Hi Don- CASB, CEA, CASE and the Rural Alliance have advocated for a time out from the accountability framework for two years. Those recommendations did not make it into the SFA as of right now. In the current draft bill, they agreed to allow a process to allow CDE and the state board to waive those requirements for next year. That is at least my current understanding.

From Me to Everyone: 04:30 PM

This the first time I have heard of adjusting the curriculum part of the COVID-19 response.

From Evie Hudak to Everyone: 04:31 PM

A4PEP has created a Commission on Rethinking Accountability, which is working on making suggestions for the future, including the immediate future during the pandemic. We will be asking the State Board to suspend the UIP and performance frameworks altogether, and then we will have suggestions about how to restructure accountability not based on tests.

From Brandon Shaffer to Everyone: 04:31 PM

The most recent draft of the SFA requires Katy Anthes to convene a group to examine whether or not assessments should be administered in the 2020-21 school year. It requires her to convene the group by Sept. 15th. This group should advocate for a seat at the table.

From Evie Hudak to Everyone: 04:31 PM

Thanks, Brandon! We should definitely apply!

From Ilana Spiegel to Everyone: 04:32 PM

For those of you interested in literally and figuratively taking this conversation to the next level, join myself and Dan Baer, former executive director of the Colorado Department of Education, for a conversation about the future of public higher education Wednesday, June 10 at 5:30 PM. Here's where you can RSVP:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdiBFuOGDFVNgX38dM9yBnIFdNmn\\_kRdn1QhJ8kScZlqNaiQw/viewform?usp=send\\_form&usp=embed\\_facebook](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdiBFuOGDFVNgX38dM9yBnIFdNmn_kRdn1QhJ8kScZlqNaiQw/viewform?usp=send_form&usp=embed_facebook)

From Carla Aguilar to Everyone: 04:33 PM

This is a statement from the National Association for Music Education and over 50 other national arts groups on how the Arts are Essential: <https://nafme.org/nafme-joins-52-other-national-organizations-support-arts-education-as-essential/>

From vgmik to Everyone: 04:33 PM

Thanks, Carla

From Sally Augden to Everyone: 04:34 PM

What is UIP?

From Ilana Spiegel to Everyone: 04:34 PM

I will make sure to let you all know when Bob Schaeffer, from FairTest, will be talking about what it means for Colorado to remove testing as a graduation requirement and college admissions requirement in Colorado as other states have done.

From Carla Aguilar to Everyone: 04:34 PM

I would recommend that you send this to District leaders, administrators, and the Commissioner of Education.

From Ilana Spiegel to Everyone: 04:34 PM

Sally, UIP is the accountability plan, Unified Improvement Plan.

From Sally Augden to Everyone: 04:38 PM

Actually heard Susanna Cordova say (in a A+ and Education Reform Now) forum that we need to be looking at differentiated instruction and project learning. Echoed by whatshisname Klein who is now a superintendent on the Western slope.

From Jim Earley to Everyone: 04:39 PM

@Sally, to add on to what Ilana said, the UIP is required by the state (CDE) and incorporates a district's test data/performance and is used to set performance goals.

From Evie Hudak to Everyone: 04:41 PM

Lisa, where can we access that?

From Lisa Escarcega to Everyone: 04:44 PM

Evie - as soon as they agree to let their letter go public - I will send it on. I saw one of the mostly final drafts yesterday

From Maggie Miller to Everyone: 04:45 PM

I was part of an action today that made me hopeful. Check out <https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?v=2363049100654918&ref=search> . Six unions, and Coloradans for Common Good (of which I'm part) expressed to six DPS board members several concerns and priorities related to their budget cutting process. One recommendation: to consider a source of budget-cutting: \$5 million in the DPS budget that is currently allocated to "Assessment, Reporting, and Data Support Office." Of course the board members didn't agree on the spot but they committed to keep on working with us.

From Evie Hudak to Everyone: 04:47 PM

Lisa, Kathy, et al - A4PEP is looking to have CASE, CASB, and CEA sign onto our letter about suspending the UIP. Please contact me offline and let me know who to send it to for the ask. Nora, we'd also like PTA to sign on

From Nora to Everyone: 04:48 PM

Would love to see A4PEP on list of endorsers for Fair Tax Colorado!

From Kathy Plomer to Everyone: 04:48 PM

For CASB, I would send to Cheri Wrench, Executive Director. [Cwrench@casb.org](mailto:Cwrench@casb.org)

From vgmik to Everyone: 04:49 PM

Excellent issue for us, in my opinion, Nora

From Evie Hudak to Everyone: 04:53 PM

A4PEP has endorsed 271; we need to let the campaign know that - thanks for the reminder! Ryan, can we ask you for AFT to sign onto our letter too?

From Lori Goldstein to Everyone: 04:56 PM

Thank you A4PEP!

From Karla Esser to Everyone: 04:57 PM

Thank you everyone.

From Tim Kubik to Everyone: 04:58 PM

Thank you for organizing a good meeting with many good proposals we can follow up on at the Colorado Dem Ed Initiative too.

From Brandon Shaffer to Everyone: 04:58 PM

Thanks!

From Ilana Spiegel to Everyone: 04:58 PM

Thank you all!

From Vicki Reinhard to Everyone: 04:58 PM

Thank you!

From Kathy Plomer to Everyone: 04:58 PM

Thanks all!

From Lisa Escarcega to Everyone: 04:58 PM

Thank you Judy and everyone!

From Laura Mitchell to Everyone: 04:59 PM

Encouraging and hopeful!!