



END-OF-SUMMER 2025 UPDATE

It's been a busy summer for A4PEP! We have presented webinars, communicated with legislators and the public, organized our coalition, and more! Here are the highlights of our actions and some plans for the near future.

Webinars!

A4PEP hosted five webinars covering the various threats to public education:

- [Extremism at the School Board: Investigating the Threat, Mobilizing the Response](#)
- [Faith, Power, and Public Schools](#)
- [How Dismantling of Public Education Endangers Democracy](#)
- [The Manufactured Crisis: Exposing the False Narrative of Public Education's "Failure"](#)
- [Christian Nationalism and the Privatization Movement](#)

Join us on **Sept. 17, 6:30 p.m.**, for the next webinar featuring a panel of local and state school board members as they discuss “hot button” issues in public education today. Register [here](#).

Fighting against vouchers

A4PEP and our Public Education Policy Coalition are working together to prevent another voucher proposal from going on the ballot in 2026. We organized a “Decline to Sign” campaign to **OPPOSE** Initiative 22, School Choice. As of this writing, the proponents behind Initiative 22 have not begun to collect signatures – but if they do, we are ready!

DECLINE TO SIGN INITIATIVE 22

• UNNECESSARY AND MISLEADING:

- SCHOOL CHOICE ALREADY EXISTS IN COLORADO!
- WE DO NOT NEED A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT THAT WOULD ALLOW FOR VOUCHERS.

• VOUCHERS FUNNEL PUBLIC TAX DOLLARS INTO PRIVATE SCHOOLS:

- PUBLIC SCHOOLS SUFFER GREATLY WHILE WEALTHY FAMILIES BENEFIT THE MOST.

• ASTRONOMICAL COSTS TAKE AWAY FROM OTHER PROGRAMS:

- VOUCHER SYSTEMS IN OTHER STATES COST TAXPAYERS HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS ABOVE PROJECTIONS.
- ESSENTIAL SERVICES LIKE PUBLIC SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION, AND HEALTHCARE WILL SUFFER DEEP CUTS.

COLORADO STUDENTS DESERVE A FULLY FUNDED AND HIGH-QUALITY PUBLIC EDUCATION - NOT VOUCHERS!

We are also coordinating with the [Network for Public Education](#) as their team determines the messaging for legislatures around the recently passed federal voucher program.

Raising awareness about issues affecting our public education system

The A4PEP team and others in our circles published several articles to raise awareness about the many issues affecting public education. Read and share them from the Resources on our website by clicking on [Education Reform](#), [Charter Schools](#), or [Accountability](#).

Ballot Issues for 2025

A4PEP has taken a position of **SUPPORT** for both Propositions LL and MM, which affect the Healthy School Meals for All (HMSA) Program that will be on the ballot this November 2025. Here are some actions to take to support the passage of Propositions LL and MM:

- Help us win through the Pledge to Vote campaign by filling out [this pledge form](#).
- Share the pledge form with your friends and encourage them to pledge to vote.
- Checkout the [HMSA campaign website](#).

“The big standardized test is still the worst thing in public education”

One of the core A4PEP values is that **"our students are being judged unfairly by test scores."** Students thrive when they engage in culturally relevant, meaningful learning experiences which include exposure to science, civics, and the arts and an emphasis on critical thinking, collaboration, and creativity. The true measures of robust learning must include a well-rounded curriculum for ALL students. Please read [this recent article by Peter Greene](#) about the BS (big standardized) test scores that have enabled some people to accept the push for school privatization through charter schools and vouchers.

You are cordially invited to our annual fundraiser!

Please join us at the home of Manuel and Judy Solano, 14789 Harrison St., Brighton, CO 80602, on **Saturday, October 4, 2:00-4:00 p.m.**, to help us continue fighting for equitable public education. Guest speakers: Rep. Tammy Story, Rep. Lorena Garcia, and Rep. Eliza Hamrick

- Bid on a week's vacation in a 1-bedroom beachfront condo in Mazatlan, Mexico .
- Bid on a 3-night stay in a 3-bedroom mountain townhome in the Wildernest area in Silverthorne, Colorado.

RSVP: solanojud@gmail.com or 720-371-9342.

If you cannot join us on Oct. 4, please ***make a donation at www.a4pep.org or mail a check to: A4PEP, P.O. Box 140220, Edgewater, CO. 80214.*** A4PEP is a 501c3 nonprofit. All donations are tax deductible.

Your donation will allow us to continue communicating with the public and policymakers, providing online webinars with renowned speakers, publishing articles, advancing meaningful legislation, building stronger coalitions with like-minded organizations, and expanding our message across the state.

Check out our website for more information about our policy priorities ([Home page](#) and [About Us page](#)), our [advocacy actions](#), and much more!

