

A4PEP Update

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

Local school board elections are being held this fall, and it's vital to know which candidates are the true supporters of public education. Here are some tips:

- Are the candidate's own children attending neighborhood schools?
- Has the candidate been involved with public schools in some way?
- Is the candidate supported by the teachers' association?
- Has the candidate shown a commitment to and a respect for public education?
- Does the candidate have a broad vision for the district or just a single-issue agenda?

PARTNERSHIPS

A4PEP is focused on fighting for equitable public education. We work to inform policymakers and the public about the negative effects of corporate influences and policies that are detrimental to public schools, such as high-stakes testing. But we know that we cannot make educational changes on our own. We have collaborated with several organizations as our partners in this work:

- [CEA](#) (Colorado Education Association) and [AFT](#) (American Federation of Teachers) – because we support educators and honor their professionalism.
- [Colorado PTA](#) (Parent Teacher Association) – is an important ally focusing on advocating for public education.
- [Working Families Party](#) – shares our interest in supporting progressive values.
- [Great Schools, Thriving Communities](#) – focuses on increasing funding for public schools.

If you think there are other organizations that we should be working with, please contact us at Advoc4PEP@gmail.com.

GET EDUCATED

One of our Advisory Committee members, Beckie Mostello, alerted us to a movie called [Defies Measurement](#). It is about a school in California using experiential learning that was forced to change into a testing protocol. You might enjoy watching it.

FUNDING

As you may know, A4PEP is an organization of volunteers. We have no paid staff, but we need funding to support our website and communications and to bring in national speakers at our forums. We ask for your support. Donations are vitally important to continue our outreach. You can [donate online](#) or mail a check to:

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