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## August 26, 2016

Welcome to another edition of the Friday Wire.

Let us know if your school is in the news! Please send any articles or announcements to [Kerri Barclay](#), Communications Associate at the League.

Articles and announcements are due by noon on Thursday of each week.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Register Today for the 2016 Fall Charter School Summit Formerly the Annual Finance Seminar and Policy & Facility Summit**

Date/Time: Monday, September 26 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Location: Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities, 6901 Wadsworth Blvd., Arvada

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Register today at [www.coloradoleague.org/event/2016FallSummit](http://www.coloradoleague.org/event/2016FallSummit)

### **Donated School Furniture**

The Boulder Valley School District Innovation project is underway and they'd like to donate approximately 300 used and in good condition middle school desks and chairs and 50 used and in good condition elementary desks and chairs. All available for pick up. "BVSD's Green Building Guiding Principles and the LEED system call for diverting construction waste from landfills through recycling and reuse." [Click flyer](#) to learn more. Please contact Chris Mabbitt at [c.mabbitt@bcinteriors.com](mailto:c.mabbitt@bcinteriors.com) or Susan Heller at

[s.heller@bcinteriors.com](mailto:s.heller@bcinteriors.com) or 303-443-3666 with questions.

### **Resources for Sale**

North Star Academy has a Colorado history curriculum for sale. The curriculum, *A Rendezvous with Colorado History*, includes 84 student books and 3 teacher guides. [Click here to view](#). Product Details include: Hardcover: 200 pages, Publisher: Sterling Ties Publications (1999), Language: English, ISBN-10: 0964242028 and ISBN-13: 978-0964242029. Please contact Mary Edwards at [medwards@nstaracademy.org](mailto:medwards@nstaracademy.org) if interested.

### **Short Story Contest**

Calling all 6th, 7th, 8th Grade Colorado Students! Put on your writers' hats and enter an original short story in the 2016 Rocky Mountain PBS StoryMakers Contest. Stories may only be submitted online (word documents only/no google docs!) from September 26-November 23, 2016. [Click here](#) for rules and submission directions. Stories must be original works of fiction between 700-1000 words. StoryMakers is supported with a grant from Douglas County Libraries. Please contact Susan Barber to learn more at 303-620-5715.

## **News Articles**

### [D-11 board reluctantly turns away military-style charter school, will ask Colorado Springs voters for money in November](#)

*The Gazette - August 24, 2016*

Organizers of a proposed K-12 military-style school near Peterson Air Force Base will need to seek charter authorization through the state, Colorado Springs School District 11's board unanimously decided Wednesday night.

### [New program pairs Colorado Springs teens with adult mentors through 4 years of high school](#)

*The Gazette - August 24, 2016*

Big Brothers Big Sisters Colorado-Pikes Peak is launching Mentor 2.0 at Atlas Preparatory Academy, a charter school in Harrison School District 2. Each of the school's 136 freshmen is being paired with an adult mentor from the community who will champion, support and help guide that student in reaching his or her full potential.

### [ACT scores show many grads not ready for college-level work](#)

*AP via The Denver Post - August 24, 2016*

The latest scores from the ACT college entrance exam suggest many of this year's high school graduates aren't ready for college-level course work.

### [New School Named After Education Pioneer](#)

*CBS4 Denver - August 24, 2016*

Applause rang out as Denver Public Schools Superintendent Tom Boasberg officially opened the Regis F. Groff campus in northeast Denver.

### [State education officials discuss accountability clock, answer questions](#)

*The Pueblo Chieftain - August 24, 2016*

The performance rating of Pueblo City Schools (D60) in relation to the ticking accountability clock was the main topic of a 90-minute presentation Wednesday afternoon at Pueblo Community College.

### [Durango School District OKs tax increase question for election](#)

### The Durango Herald - August 23, 2016

The pressure was on the Durango School District 9-R school board to pass the tax increase measure Tuesday night, not to meet the La Plata County clerk's deadline, but to beat the Bayfield School District's bond issue to the 3A designation on the ballot.

### Some Colorado schools have no-homework policy

*9News - August 23, 2016*

A note sent home to parents by a teacher in Fort Worth, Texas describing a new 'no homework' policy has ignited a larger discussion about the value of doing any school work at home.

### LGBT rights: The national battle of the bathroom

*CNN - August 23, 2016*

The battle over transgender rights has exploded into the mainstream in 2016, with the issue of bathroom access taking the forefront.

### Colorado districts wrestle with new law allowing students to use medical marijuana at school

*The Denver Post - August 22, 2016*

Colorado school districts this year are wrestling with a new law that allows students with a valid prescription to get medical marijuana treatments on school property with or without help from a school nurse.

### How to talk about school choice

*ColoradoWatchdog.org - August 22, 2016*

To sell charter schools, the first step is making sure the customers know what they're buying. A panel of Colorado-based school choice advocates shared their observations and ideas on the best way to market charters at the Franklin Center's recent Amplify School Choice 2016 conference in Denver.

### Educators: More school protection helping students learn

*AP via The Gazette - August 21, 2016*

When two students went on a deadly 1999 shooting rampage at Columbine High School, it not only shocked parents, students and teachers, it had a lasting impact on education.

### Education reformers clash with NAACP, Movement for Black Lives over charters

*Watchdog.org - August 19, 2016*

When the NAACP called for a moratorium on charter schools and the Movement for Black Lives, a sub-group within the Black Lives Matter movement, announced its opposition to charter schools, some African-American supporters of both groups found themselves perplexed.

### Metro area voters asked for big bond issues

*9News - August 19, 2016*

Standing in front of the historic West High School, Denver School Board member Anne Rowe urged voters to raise their own property taxes to repair old, broken down buildings.

### Denver Schools Seek More Than A Half-Billion Dollars In New Revenue

*Colorado Public Radio - August 19, 2016*

Colorado's largest school district kicked off a campaign Friday seeking voter approval to raise more than a half-billion dollars to build new schools, fix up old ones, and support

a variety of student services.

## Opinion/Commentary Articles & Press Releases

***Please Note: The following is a sampling of opinion articles about charter schools that appeared in the media over the past week. The opinions in these articles do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Colorado League of Charter Schools.***

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### The Charter School Pot and Kettle

*U.S. News & World Report - August 25, 2016*

Critics of charter schools love to charge that charters "cream" the best students by making it hard to apply and pushing out low performers. That's why charters outperform traditional public schools, they assert. But they rarely present evidence, and they never admit that traditional public schools do exactly the same thing - only more often.

### New NEPC Brief: Regulating Charter Schools

*NEPC Press Release - August 23, 2016*

A fundamental premise of charter schools is that deregulation will free teachers, principals and schools to excel. Regulation or accountability in the conventional sense can cause gridlock and inefficiencies, so charter schools were designed to free up schools for innovation. Instead of conventional regulatory accountability, charters would be accountable through competition and the market model.

### John Oliver Needs to Talk to Charter Parents

*Education Post - August 22, 2016*

God bless John Oliver for addressing serious issues with humor. His latest target is public charter schools and he doesn't disappoint, highlighting poorly run and corrupt schools that close down mid-year, "non-profits" run by profit-driven management organizations, and virtual charter schools with dismal results. Missing from the piece, however, is the fundamental dynamic driving the extraordinary growth in the charter school sector: parents-especially low-income parents of color-are demanding better options.

### Smith: A Few Thoughts About John Oliver's Bleak, Unrepresentative Sample of Public Charter Schools

*The74Million.org - August 22, 2016*

Now, the writers at Last Week Tonight probably aren't statisticians, but this is known as an Unrepresentative Sample. Except for a brief nod to KIPP's graduation rate, the entire segment was a parade of horror stories, including one dredged up from 2010. Not since Dick Cheney got hold of the Iraq briefings have we seen cherry-picking on this scale.

### John Oliver's Anti-Charter School Rant Is Clever, Glib, and Uninformed

*Reason.com - August 22, 2016*

On *Last Week Tonight*, John Oliver took aim at charter schools, which are publicly funded K-12 schools that are given more autonomy than conventional residential-assignment public schools to set their own curricula, make hiring decisions, and focus on particular sorts of instruction.

### Colorado Early Colleges Fort Collins Ranked As A Top Colorado High School

*Colorado Early College, Fort Collins - August 17, 2016*

For the second year in a row, Colorado Early Colleges Fort Collins (CECFC) was given top marks by *Newsweek* magazine for preparing its students for college. Sandi Brown, the Head of School for CECFC, said "We are honored to be recognized as one of the top performing schools in the state. Our students have shown a deep level of perseverance and commitment to their future because we treat them as individuals and allow them choice in their education."

### **Education Blogs, Forums and Resources**

Below are some other great education reform news, blog and discussion sites that may be of interest:

[Chalkbeat Colorado](#)

[Charter School Solutions Blog](#)

[Charter Schools In Perspective](#)

[Chartering Quality Blog \(National Association for Charter School Authorizers\)](#)

[Democrats for Education Reform Blog](#)

[EdisWatching.org \(Independence Institute\)](#)

[Education Post](#)

[National Alliance for Public Charter Schools - The Charter Blog](#)

[National Charter School Resource Center](#)

## **Community Calendar**

### **Back to School Training: Human Resources and Practical Legal Topics for Your Charter School**

*Hosted by the Colorado League of Charter Schools, Ireland Stapleton Pryor & Pascoe, PC, and HUB International*

**Date:** Wednesday, August 31 (rescheduled from Thursday, August 4)

**Time:** 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

**Location:** Colorado School Districts Self Insurance Pool, 6857 S. Spruce Street, Centennial

**Cost:** League Members: \$55 for one person and \$35 for each additional attendee;

Non-Members: \$75 for one person and \$35 each additional attendee.

New School Developers: \$35 per person.

**Description:** Kick off the school year right with this timely seminar on risk management and legal issues.

Managing a charter school facility can be complicated. It can involve premises liability issues, school security practices and policies, and liability coverage. This seminar will provide attendees with information on how to effectively manage their charter school facility to minimize risk and liability.

Contracting with third parties is a common occurrence in the charter school sector. Schools often leave themselves vulnerable to liability due to a poor understanding of how to effectively draft and negotiate their contractual obligations. This workshop will provide attendees with important tools to better understand and advocate for their school during the contracting process.

No back to school seminar is complete without an employment law refresher! The most common HR questions the League receives pertain to policies relating to employee leave. This seminar will feature an employment law panel on key leave policies such as FMLA, ADA, maternity/paternity and more. Presenters will use real charter school policies and experiences as examples. Attendees are encouraged to bring their leave policies to discuss and review during the workshop.

Additional employment law topics will include important trends in social media and technology, and how these impact charter school employees and students.

**Registration:** [Click here to register.](#) **Deadline:** Monday, August 29.

### **Webinar: Rural Charter Schools - Building Bridges**

*Hosted by the National Charter School Resource Center (NCSRC)*

**Date:** Thursday, September 1

**Time:** 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM

**Cost:** Free

**Description:** Please join us for the upcoming [National Charter School Resource Center \(NCSRC\)](#) webinar highlighting charter schools in rural America. The webinar will focus on the role of charter schools in rural communities and efforts to build bridges with the local public school community.

**Registration:** [Click here](#) to register.

### **Department of Labor Overtime Ruling & Nonprofits: What Should We Know?**

*Hosted by the Colorado Nonprofit Association*

**Date:** Tuesday, September 6

**Times/Locations:** 9:30 AM - Community Foundation of Northern Colorado, 4745 Wheaton Drive, Fort Collins | 1:00 PM - United Way of Weld County, 814 9th Street, Greeley

**Cost:** Colorado Nonprofit Association Members: \$10 per person; Non-Members: \$45 per person

**Description:** This session will provide an overview of the newest Department of Labor ruling related to employee overtime and the considerations nonprofits must assume as they prepare and manage their organizational budgets related to employee cost.

During this two way conversation, participants will have the opportunity to ask specific questions as they prepare to implement the rule.

**Registration:** [Fort Collins Registration](#) | [Greeley Registration](#)

### **Charter Communicators Network Meeting**

*Hosted by the Colorado League of Charter Schools*

**Date:** Thursday, September 8

**Time:** 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM

**Location:** Peak to Peak Charter School, 800 Merlin Drive, Lafayette

**Cost:** League Members: \$25 per person; Non-Members: \$75 per person

**Note:** Includes coffee and lunch.

**Description:** Charter Communicators Network Meetings take place three times per year. This is a chance for charter school communications staff, or any staff interested in building school communications and marketing efforts, to come together. During these meetings, attendees will network and share best practices, as well as hear from experts in the field.

**Registration:** [Click here to register.](#) **Deadline:** Tuesday, September 6.

### **Department of Labor Overtime Ruling & Nonprofits: What Should We Know?**

*Hosted by the Colorado Nonprofit Association*

**Date:** Thursday, September 8

**Time:** 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

**Location:** Boulder Library, Main Branch, Boulder Creek Room, 1001 Arapahoe Avenue, Boulder

**Cost:** Colorado Nonprofit Association Members: \$10 per person; Non-Members: \$45 per person

**Description:** This session will provide an overview of the newest Department of Labor ruling related to employee overtime and the considerations nonprofits must assume as they prepare and manage their organizational budgets related to employee cost.

During this two way conversation, participants will have the opportunity to ask specific

questions as they prepare to implement the rule.

**Registration:** [Click here to register.](#)

### **Tech Talk Quarterly**

*Hosted by Colorado League of Charter Schools*

**Date:** Friday, September 9

**Time:** 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**Location:** Colorado League of Charter Schools Training Center, 4201 E. Yale Ave., Denver

**Cost:** League Members: \$25 per person; Non-members: \$75 per person

**Audience:** IT Managers, Administrators, Business Managers

**Description:** These meetings enable charter school technology personnel to regularly network and share best practices with one another. The Colorado League of Charter Schools hosts, facilitates and coordinates these quarterly meetings in an effort to learn about and provide the resources and tools needed by schools to: 1) Develop effective technology plans for their organizations; 2) Develop efficient and cost-effective methods of implementation; and 3) Maximize the performance of their technology in growing student achievement levels.

**Registration:** [Click here to register.](#) **Deadline:** Wednesday, September 7.

### **Gifted Education 101**

*Hosted by the Colorado League of Charter Schools*

**Date:** Friday, September 16

**Time:** 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**Location:** Academy for Advanced and Creative Learning, 2510 N. Chestnut St., Colorado Springs

**Cost:** League Members: \$175 for one person and \$100 for each additional attendee; Non-Members: \$250 for one person and \$100 for each additional attendee.

Description: Founding principal and Academy Director Nikki Myers and founding teacher and gifted education specialist Teresa Brown will guide participants in the following objectives:

- Awareness of the definition of giftedness and requirements in the state of Colorado for each charter and traditional public school.
- Awareness of the characteristics of giftedness as they present in the classroom and the challenges that teachers face in supporting those needs.
- Strategies and techniques for addressing gifted educational needs that can be met within a variety of school models.
- Sample Advanced Learning Plan formats that meet requirements for Colorado.

**Registration:** [Click here to register.](#) **Deadline:** Wednesday, September 14.

Event is contingent on a minimum of 10 registrants.

### **PowerSchool: Preparing for October Count**

*Hosted by the Colorado League of Charter Schools*

**Date:** Friday, September 16

**Time:** 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**Location:** Colorado League of Charter Schools Training Center, 4201 E. Yale Ave., Denver

**Cost:** League Members: \$75 for one person and \$25 for each additional attendee; Non-Members: \$125 for one person and \$25 for each additional attendee

**What to Bring:** Your computer and your school's enrollment/application forms

**Prerequisites:** Must have administrator access, familiarity with PS's enrollment/application process and ability to export data from PS to work with data in

Excel

**Audience:** Registrar, Secretary, PS System Admin, Enrollment/Admissions Staff, and Designated State Reporters

**Description:** The Student October Report doesn't have to be intimidating! During this time, we will break the report down into understandable pieces and define the tasks and data associated with each piece. This is a hands-on workshop with time built in for you to work on your data.

**Registration:** [Click here to register.](#) **Deadline:** Wednesday, September 14.

### **Webinar Series: The School Safety Plan (Webinar 2 of 5)**

*Hosted by the Colorado League of Charter Schools*

**Date:** Tuesday, September 20

**Time:** 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

**Cost:** Free

Location: Online/Webinar

**Description:** The Safe Schools Act for Colorado can be read in C.R.S. 22-32-109.1 The Act requires all schools, including charter public schools, to adopt and implement a safe school plan. This School Safety Plan webinar series focuses on Subsection (4) of the Act and will lead each participating charter public school through a step-by-step process to build and complete their school-specific plan by June 30, 2017. This webinar series (5 webinars) will help schools establish a school response framework that shall consist of policies described in subsection (4) of the Act. By satisfying the requirements of subsection (4), a school shall be in compliance with the national incident management system, referred to in this subsection (4) as "NIMS", developed by the federal emergency management agency.

**Registration:** [Click here to register.](#) **Deadline:** September 19.

Please register using a valid email address and the webinar link will be sent to you before September 20.

### **Lunch & Learn: Improve Your Impact: Youth Development & Career Exploration Technology**

*Hosted by the Colorado League of Charter Schools and Couragion*

**Date:** Thursday, September 22

**Time:** 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

**Cost:** League Members: Free; Non-Members: \$25

**Location:** Colorado League of Charter Schools Training Center, 4201 E. Yale Avenue, Denver

**Description:** Please join Couragion and the Colorado League of Charter Schools for a free interactive session designed for charter school leaders. The discussion will include a demonstration of Couragion's career readiness and youth development apps for students and educators. The seminar will provide an overview of:

- How students explore careers and create personalized learning plans and accomplishment portfolios
- How teachers access professional development, lesson plans, and real-time data to improve teaching and learning
- How administrators leverage insights about student's preferences, values, and interests to shape culture and drive student outcomes

*Couragion is supported by the National Science Foundation and AT&T Aspire.*

**Learn More:** [Check out an administrator's perspective on Couragion in this YouTube video.](#)

**Registration:** [Click here to register.](#) **Deadline:** Tuesday, September 20.

**Specially Designed Instruction in Literacy**

*Hosted by Colorado League of Charter Schools*

**Date:** Friday, September 23

**Time:** 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**Location:** Colorado League of Charter Schools Training Center, 4201 E Yale Ave, Denver

**Cost:** League Member: \$175 for first attendee and \$100 for each additional attendee; Non-member: \$250 for first attendee and \$100 for each additional attendee.

**Description:** Attend this workshop to understand the different cognitive processing of reading. Participants will be able to improve student growth by implementing a continuous instructional inquiry cycle:

- Teachers collect various screeners that assess the different processing of reading.
- Teachers plot and analyze screening data to determine root cause gaps.
- Teachers triangulate data with other assessment and observational sources.
- Teachers prioritize instruction through a problem solving process.
- Teachers implement prioritized instruction and progress monitor goals/objectives.
- Teachers review progress monitoring and adjust groupings and instructional plans.

In addition to gaining a deeper understanding of reading processes and building a stronger skill set in data-driven instruction, participants will learn instructional best practices and evidence-based programming options for specialized instruction in reading and writing.

**Registration:** [Click here to register](#). **Deadline:** Wednesday, September 21.

Event contingent on a minimum of 10 registrants.

**Fall Charter School Summit: Facility, Finance & Policy**

**Formerly the Annual Finance Seminar and Policy & Facility Summit**

*Hosted by the Colorado League of Charter Schools*

**Date:** Monday, September 26

**Time:** 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**Cost:** \$75 per person for schools that are members of the Colorado League of Charter Schools | \$100 per person for non-members. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

**Group Discount:** There is a 20% discount when registering groups of three or more. Please enter discount code 20GROUP at checkout when registering three or more attendees.

**Location:** Arvada Center for the Arts & Humanities, 6901 S. Wadsworth Blvd., Arvada

**Description:** The Fall Charter School Summit is designed to provide charter school leaders, business managers and board members with important updates related to policy, finance and facilities management. Innovations in the field of operations and financial management as well as ongoing policy issues affecting charter schools will be highlighted. Attendees will also hear from individuals experienced in all aspects of the charter school facilities process and learn decision-making best practices regarding facilities projects for their schools.

**Please note:** The 2016 Fall Charter School Summit represents a combination of what had previously been two separate events - the CDE Annual Charter School Finance Seminar and the League's Charter School Policy and Facility Summit. Consistent with prior requirements of the Finance Seminar, all CCSP Grant recipients are required to attend this event.

**Registration:** [Click here to register](#). **Deadline:** Monday, September 19.

**Interpreting Reading Data to Close Gaps and Strengthen Student Achievement**

*Hosted by the Colorado League of Charter Schools*

**Date:** Tuesday, September 27

**Time:** 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

**Cost:** League Members: \$175 for one person and \$100 each additional attendee;  
Non-Members: \$225 for one person and \$100 each additional attendee

**Location:** Colorado League of Charter Schools Training Center, 4201 E. Yale Avenue, Denver

**Description:** What evidence do you use to identify reading ability gaps and struggling readers? Build expertise in interpreting reading assessment data in order to accurately identify reading needs. Learn to select targeted instructional strategies appropriate for struggling readers and their specific needs.

**Registration:** [Click here to register.](#) **Deadline:** Wednesday, September 21.  
Event is contingent on a minimum of 16 registrants.

### **State Assessment Interpretation & Action**

*Hosted by the Colorado League of Charter Schools*

**Date:** Wednesday, September 28

**Time:** 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

**Cost:** League Members: \$175 for one person and \$100 each additional attendee;  
Non-Members: \$225 for one person and \$100 each additional attendee

**Location:** Colorado League of Charter Schools Training Center, 4201 E. Yale Avenue, Denver

**Description:** Do you understand your state assessment results? Can you make meaning of the scale scores? Do you know how to translate your state data into action? This session is a deep dive into your state assessment data. Learn more about the assessment itself and look at your data to identify strengths and needs. You will leave this session feeling more confident in using and discussing your state data.

**Registration:** [Click here to register.](#) **Deadline:** Thursday, September 22.  
Event is contingent on a minimum of 16 registrants.

### **Webinar: Using NWEA MAP Data to Differentiate Instruction**

*Hosted by Otus and the Colorado League of Charter Schools*

**Date:** Thursday, September 29

**Time:** 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

**Cost:** Free

**Description:** Meet Otus, NWEA's Authorized Data Partner. Otus is a Student Performance Platform, a system that combines a robust learning management system, a collection of classroom management tools, and a powerful data warehouse. With Otus, teachers have the ability to provide students with a more personalized learning experience by using NWEA data to inform their instruction.

**Registration:** <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6701567728427802113>

### **Classroom Strategies For Teaching English-Language Learners & Overview for English Language Development Planning**

*Hosted by the Colorado League of Charter Schools*

**Date:** Monday, October 3

**Time:** 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

**Location:** Colorado League of Charter Schools Training Center, 4201 E. Yale Ave., Denver

**Cost:** League Members: \$175 for one person and \$100 for each additional attendee;  
Non-Members: \$250 for one person and \$100 for each additional attendee

**Description:** With the growing population of English Language Learners within our schools, it is essential that schools be prepared to meet the needs of ELL students. In order to do this, teachers and interventionists will need to understand the basic elements of WIDA standards, the features of an English Language Development Plan

(ELDP), and the strategies to support learning. This training will provide an overview for creating an English Language Development Plan as well as how to utilize the WIDA standards and build a foundation for classroom strategies that can be incorporated into teaching English Language learners. The training will focus on strategies that can be used with all levels of English Language Learners.

**Registration:** [Click here to register.](#) **Deadline:** Friday, September 30.

### **Functional Behavioral Assessments and Behavior Intervention Planning**

*Hosted by Colorado League of Charter Schools*

**Date:** Friday, October 7

**Time:** 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**Location:** Colorado League of Charter Schools Training Center, 4201 E Yale Ave, Denver

**Cost:** League Member: \$175, additional attendees \$100; Non-Member: \$225, additional attendees \$100

**Description:** Is the honeymoon period over? Are students displaying challenging behaviors that impact their learning and the learning of others? Not sure where to go next? This workshop is designed to enable school administrators, special education teachers, and other stakeholders to craft effective Tier II and Tier III behavior intervention plans for struggling students. Additionally, the workshop will provide training on Functional Behavioral Assessments, an essential component of the IEP process when a behavioral or developmental disorder is suspected. School Personnel will take away several resources for best practices in behavior interventions: data collection tools, behavior change monitoring tools, strategies for FAIR Plans and BIPS, social emotional learning intervention programs, and sample MTSS structures for behavior/social emotional learning.

**Registration:** [Click here to register.](#) **Deadline:** Wednesday, October 5.

Event contingent on a minimum of 8 registrants.

### **2016 Colorado Safe Schools Summit**

*Hosted by the Colorado School Safety Resource Center in collaboration with the Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence at CU Boulder and Safe2Tell of the Colorado Office of the Attorney General*

**Dates:** Wednesday, October 12 and Thursday, October 13

**Location:** The Conference Center at Adams 12 Five Star Schools, 1500 E. 128th Avenue, Thornton

**Cost:** Early Bird Rate: \$80 per person for both days (\$50 per person per day if registering for individual days). Rates increase September 1.

**Meals:** Continental breakfast and lunch with a plenary will be part of each day's events.

Plenary speakers scheduled to present:

- Empowering Teens to Delete Cyberbullying and Make Kindness Go Viral, Presented by: Dr. Sameer Hinduja
- Unleashing the Power of Prevention to Promote School Safety and Positive Youth, Presented by: Brian Bumbarger, Ph.D.
- Mitigating Risk and Improving Protection: A Public Health Approach to Suicide Prevention in Colorado Schools, Presented by: Jarrod Hindman
- The Impact of Marijuana Legalization, Presented by: Michael Song  
Safe2Tell Panel, Presented by: Susan Payne, Founding Executive Director, Suzi Karrer
- Essential Elements of Effective Behavioral Threat Management Programs, Presented by: Gene Deisinger, Ph.D.

**Registration:** [Click here for more information and to register.](#)

**Lunch & Learn: DIBELS Next and Core Knowledge Language Arts: Getting Results**

*Hosted by the Colorado League of Charter Schools and Amplify*

**Date:** Thursday, October 20

**Time:** 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

**Cost:** League Members: Free; Non-Members: \$25

**Location:** Colorado League of Charter Schools Training Center, 4201 E. Yale Avenue, Denver

**Description:** You can move the needle! Thousands of Colorado educators are using curriculum and assessment tools each day to change outcomes for kids. Join us to find out how. Learn about the Early Literacy Assessment Tool (ELAT) Project, a FREE resource to help your school in implementing the READ Act. Amplify also publishes a full ELA curriculum called Core Knowledge Language Arts (PreK-5). Get those details for your school needs.

**Registration:** [Click here to register.](#) **Deadline:** Tuesday, October 18.

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**Take Action! Join the Colorado Charter Advocacy Network (Colorado CAN)**

Join the Colorado Charter Advocacy Network (Colorado CAN) to receive news, legislative updates and ALERTS about political issues impacting charter schools. Easily send emails to state legislators weighing in on important political matters impacting Colorado's charter schools! Visit [www.coloradoleague.org](http://www.coloradoleague.org) and click "Take Action!"

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