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September 2, 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

### **The League is Hiring: Director of Research & Data Analysis**

Exciting News! The League is hiring for a Director of Research and Data Analysis. This is a full-time position that will work on visionary research projects to help advance the League and the entire charter public school movement. This role will also provide assistance to League member schools that are seeking data analysis and documentation for internal and external accountability and advocacy efforts. Please share this opportunity with your networks and with anyone who might be a good fit for this position. The deadline for applications is Friday, September 16.

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

### **MTSS Family, School, and Community Partnership Implementation Guide**

The Multi-Tiered System of Supports Family, School, and Community Partnering Implementation Guide - Supporting Every Student's Learning is now available online. The Guide is a revision of the 2009 Response to Intervention Family & Community Partnering "On the Team and At the Table" Toolkit and incorporates participant feedback from trainings, presentations and online courses. To learn more, please contact Joyce Thiessen-Barrett at Barrett\_J@cde.state.co.us or 303-866-6757.

### **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.

## **News Articles**

Denver and Aurora schools showed modest gains on state tests. But gaps still remain.  
*Chalkbeat Colorado - September 1, 2016*

Two large Colorado school districts with substantial numbers of students living in poverty - Denver Public Schools and Aurora Public Schools - showed modest improvement in the second year of state tests measuring students' mastery of tougher academic standards. Despite those gains, both districts still lag behind the state average - and in Aurora's case, the gap is substantial.

Marijuana tax money hasn't resulted in cash for Aurora schools

*Aurora Sentinel - September 1, 2016*

Colorado's green-friendly laws aren't translating into greenbacks for metro area school districts. The state's landmark 2012 retail marijuana law hasn't amounted to the promised millions of dollars for many local students, despite widespread public opinion to the contrary. That's creating a ballooning misconception of how public schools are financed, according to area superintendents.

Colorado should include performance of gifted students in accountability system, report suggests

*Chalkbeat Colorado - August 31, 2016*

Most public schools in Colorado and across the nation have no incentives to focus on their high-achieving students, a new report released Tuesday evening from a conservative-leaning think tank found.

Charter school leader draws inspiration from a Turkish cleric embroiled in controversy: 'He inspired me to serve'

*Los Angeles Times - August 31, 2016*

The leader of a group of charter schools has made an admission about his connection to a Turkish imam that is bound to cause controversy but that he hopes ultimately will remove a dark cloud over his schools.

### Summit to address back to school stress

*9News.com - August 30, 2016*

How can you tell if a child has a case of back-to-school jitters or is really stressed out and plagued by anxiety? This time of year brings up all sorts of worries for children of different ages so Children's Hospital Colorado is hosting a "social summit" Wednesday, August 31 to help parents, caregivers, teachers and ultimately, the kids.

### Adams 12 BOE approves \$350M bond measure

*The Westminster Window - August 29, 2016*

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### School discipline data mistakes have ripple effects for advocates battling the school-to-prison pipeline

*Chalkbeat Colorado - August 29, 2016*

Faulty student discipline numbers for at least three Colorado school districts have muddied efforts to track suspension and expulsion trends, complicated advocates' plans to press for change and caused state officials in one case to take the unusual step of correcting wrong data.

### Boulder Valley School District Praised For Commitment To Transgender Inclusion

*CPR - August 29, 2016*

As students across Colorado begin a new school year, and a nationwide conversation about which bathroom transgender students should be allowed to use continues -- Boulder Valley School District (BVSD) knows where it falls on the issue.

### A stark income divide along the border of two Colorado school districts

*Chalkbeat Colorado - August 26, 2016*

The Sheridan School District is small but proud, serving a community that grew up around the Fort Logan military installation southwest of Denver. Nine in 10 students qualify for government-subsidized lunches.

### APS, teachers union reach tentative compromise on raises in 2017

*Aurora Sentinel - August 26, 2016*

Aurora Public Schools' upcoming, \$300-million bond question could mean more money for APS teachers.

### Colorado districts giving students more ways to prove they deserve a high school diploma

*Chalkbeat Colorado - August 25, 2016*

School districts across Colorado are revising their high school graduation requirements to comply with new state guidelines that mandate students prove their knowledge in English and math through tests, projects or college-level courses. But students in several districts will still have to complete a certain number of high school classes to get their diplomas. While the districts have adopted the new state guidelines, they haven't abandoned their previous credit-hour requirements.

### Voters to decide 2 local school tax proposals

*Vail Daily News - August 24, 2016*

After saying for almost a year that they would, the Eagle County school board voted unanimously to put two tax increase proposals on the November ballot.

## 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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DDES Middle School Wins Walton Family Foundation Grant

Downtown Denver Expeditionary School - September 1, 2016

Downtown Denver Expeditionary School has received a \$325,000 Walton Family grant to support the development of the first Downtown Denver Expeditionary Middle School to open in August 2017.

NAACP's Call for K-12 Charter Moratorium Is Wrong (Op-Ed)

Education Week - By Howard Fuller, August 31, 2016

The NAACP's recent call for a national moratorium on any new public charter schools represents a dramatic shift away from an approach that is working to advance the educational interests of people the NAACP has historically represented. Its action pits the organization against black families, many of whom are working-class and in desperate need of the types of educational opportunities that are being provided by charter schools.

Alternative to school bond passage isn't pretty

The Coloradoan - August 31, 2016

Our public schools are the foundation on which our community is built. Poudre School District (PSD) is one of the top-performing school districts in the country.

Make vaccinations part of back-to-school prep

The Denver Post - August 31, 2016

With school supplies flying off the shelves and children across Colorado heading to school, now is the time to remind parents of another important part of the back-to-school routine: vaccinations. Child care facilities, preschool programs and schools are particularly prone to outbreaks of infectious diseases. Kids in these settings can easily spread illnesses to one another and staff due to typical child behavior - poor hand washing, not covering their coughs, and other factors.

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

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.](#)

LG Commercial Display Roadshow

Date: Thursday, September 8

Time: 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM or 12:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Location: Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum, 7711 E Academy Blvd #1, Denver

Cost: Free

Note: Complimentary lunch will be provided.

Description: Learn how LG is pushing the boundaries of display technology at Denver's premier museum of exploration and travel. You will discover the Clover Video Wall, 86-inch Ultra Stretch signage, and our industry-changing OLED displays. You'll

also have plenty of time to discover the museum exhibits, including B-18A Bolo, an RF-84K Thunderflash Parasite and even a Star Wars X-Wing fighter.

Registration: [Click here to register](#). Space is limited. You must register to attend.

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.

Webinar: I Just Joined a Charter School Board...Now What?

Hosted by the National Charter School Resource Center

Date: Thursday, September 15

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM

Location: Webinar

Cost: Free

Description: Great charter schools need great board members. However, no one goes to school to become a great charter school board member. Often for new board members, "onboarding" consists of being thrown right into the work without any training or background information. Many think that being an effective board member is something one can just figure out along the way. However, governance best practice research suggests that all board members can benefit from as they learn their roles and responsibilities. This session will provide a framework and strategies for governing effectively, with real-life examples and case studies throughout. We encourage new charter board members as well as school leaders and experienced board members, who may be involved with training new board members, to participate in this webinar.

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

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: What you Need to Know About Accountability, the State Assessment Transition, and the UIP

Hosted by the Colorado League of Charter Schools

Dates: Monday, September 19

Time: 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Location: Webinar

Cost: Free

Audience: School Leaders, Data and Assessment Staff

Description: Review the State's Accountability System (SPF, etc.), timelines and how they fit into the goals of school improvement planning, discover what you need to know about the UIP for 2016-17, receive updates with State Assessment Transition, reporting, access to your data and tools and resources available to you.

Registration: [Click here to register](#). **Deadline:** Friday, September 16.

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.

Webinar: What you Need to Know About Accountability, the State Assessment Transition, and the UIP

Hosted by the Colorado League of Charter Schools

Dates: Tuesday, September 20

Time: 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Location: Webinar

Cost: Free

Audience: School Leaders, Data and Assessment Staff

Description: Review the State's Accountability System (SPF, etc.), timelines and how they fit into the goals of school improvement planning, discover what you need to know about the UIP for 2016-17, receive updates with State Assessment Transition, reporting, access to your data and tools and resources available to you.

Registration: [Click here to register.](#) **Deadline:** Friday, September 16.

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: [Click here to register.](#)

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.](#)

Webinar: Using NWEA MAP Data to Differentiate Instruction

Hosted by Otus and the Colorado League of Charter Schools

Date: Thursday, October 13

Time: 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

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: [Click here 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 per person

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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