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# Regional Accountability Conference

## Empowering Colorado's Parents and Schools

**Date**

**Place**

**5:30–9:00 p.m.**

5:30–7:00 P.M. Registration

5:45–6:45 P.M. Dinner and Presentation

*Dinner will be served from 5:45–6:30 P.M. The presentation will begin at 6:15 P.M.*

### **Colorado’s Complicated Accountability Requirements**

Evie Hudak will discuss the five forms of accountability affecting Colorado — Accountability, Standards (HB 1313), Accreditation, the Education Reform Act (SB 186), and No Child Left Behind — and explain how the work of a District Accountability Committee blends them into a “single system” of accountability.

6:50–7:40 P.M. Workshop Session I

#### **A. Beginner's Overview of Accountability**

Ruth Montoya Starr is a Denver Public Schools graduate. She currently has a son attending Moore K–8 in DPS. She has been actively involved with accountability at the local and district level since her return to Denver in 1999. Her special interest has been accountability for underrepresented populations. She is an advocate for Native American students and families.

#### **C. What You Need to Know About No Child Left Behind**

Evie Hudak has been a member of the State Board of Education since January 2001, representing the 2nd Congressional District. Evie has also been a member of the state PTA Board of Directors for the last 10 years, serving as Public Policy Director for 5 years, and now as a Regional Director. She was on the State Accountability Committee during its last 4 years of existence, and since then has worked with CSAN.

#### **D. Fine-Tuning Your School Improvement Plan**

Chris Domino has been active in accountability since 1988. She got her start as a school volunteer with Cherry Creek School District and has chaired district and building accountability committees. A professional technical writer and editor, she brings a critical eye to revising school improvement plans.

7:45–8:35 P.M. Workshop Session II

#### **B. Why and How to Involve Parents in Accountability**

Presented by Evie Hudak (see Workshop C above).

#### **E. Beginner's Overview of Standards and Assessments**

Presented by Chris Domino (see Workshop D above).

#### **F. Accountability: A Tool for Accreditation**

(Name of person) is a Regional Manager for the Colorado Department of Education. He/she provides educational services to the (name of area) of Colorado.

8:40–9:00 P.M. Reaction Panel

Please join us for a chance to talk to all the speakers. Don't go home without an answer to *your* burning questions!

## Workshop Descriptions

### **A. Beginner’s Overview of Accountability**

Utilizing the Handbook for Colorado Educational Accountability, this workshop outlines an accountability committee’s basic duties and provides guidance for making the process work smoothly.

### **B. Why and How to Involve Parents in Accountability**

This workshop will explain the relationship between the board and accountability committee, why and how to work together, and the importance of parent and community involvement with accountability..

### **C. What You Need to Know about No Child Left Behind**

Especially for those who would like to understand the basic requirements of this sweeping federal law, No Child Left Behind. An overview of NCLB’s key provision, Adequate Yearly Progress, will be presented, with information about Colorado’s results. Also reviewed will be the Highly Qualified Teacher provision and the Parent Involvement Toolkit.

### **D. Fine-Tuning Your School Improvement Plan**

Intended for anyone serving on an accountability committee. This workshop is about how to create a well-crafted and well-expressed plan, with a focus on analyzing data, writing SMART goals, and creating detailed and workable action plans.

### **E. Beginner’s Overview of Standards and Assessments**

Intended for those who want a fun introduction to these education concepts. This workshop is a “hands-on” exploration of the nature of standards and the use of different kinds of assessments.

### **F. Accountability: A Tool for Accreditation**

This workshop will present examples from districts that successfully involve their parents and accountability committees in the accreditation process. Learn how you can leverage accountability to meet the requirements for state accreditation.

## Who Are We?

Colorado State Accountability Network is a consortium of parents, community members, and educators who have been working for two decades to make Colorado’s accountability system more efficient and effective. We started out as the Large District Accountability Committee, which was founded in 1984 as a grassroots effort by accountability committee officers from five Front Range districts. The original purpose was to share ideas, concerns, and effective methods of handling accountability responsibilities. Over the years, our focus expanded to include advocacy with the Legislature and the State Board of Education. Now we’re spreading statewide.

If you would like information or updates on meetings, call Dorolyn Griebenaw, 303-477-4125.

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