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## Board Retreat

December 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at the Denver Tech Center Doubletree by Hilton located at 7801 East Orchard Road, Greenwood Village, Colorado 80111. Phone number: 303-779-6161

## Retreat Agenda:

Friday evening: 6:00 pm

1. Dinner at the Hilton

Friday evening 7:30 pm

1. Meeting with Ethan Hemming

We are honored to have the Executive Director of the Colorado Charter School Institute and, Ethan Hemming give us an overview of the Institute and where it is headed in the next several years under his leadership.

## Topics for discussion:

1. Colorado Charter School Institute
  - a. Governing Board
  - b. Strategic Plan
  - c. Educational Objectives
2. Schools of Innovation
  - a. Common Core
  - b. Student Assessment
  - c. Structure of Education Program

## Board Discussion for Saturday 9:00 am

1. Meeting with Bill Moloney – Former Commissioner of Education

We are also honored to have one of the great educators of Colorado attend our retreat. Bill Moloney will be discussing his vision for K-12 education and its future for students. The paper he recently wrote: Much Better Schools on Much Lower Budget will be the starting point of his discussion with us.

## Topics for discussion:

1. Future of K-12 education
  - a. Are we getting what we are paying for

- b. Structure of Common Core
- c. Assessments PARCC Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers
- 2. Current trends in effective high schools
  - a. How to reach at-risk youth, especially Hispanic students
  - b. Early college ideas to help our students obtain an Associate's Degree.

Board Discussion for Saturday – Lunch time to 1:30

- 1. Meeting with Geri Anderson

I have also invited Geri Anderson, the former Provost of the Colorado Community College System to join us for a discussion of the future of early colleges in Colorado and how the changes in the community college developmental education program will impact the schools. Also I would like her to discuss the possibility of working with a college on a statewide basis. Her current position is Special Assistant to the President of AIMS Community College for External Affairs.

Topics for Discussion

- 1. Early College design and AIMS community college
  - a. Designing schools to educate students in effective high schools
  - b. Schools being successful with Hispanic students
  - c. How to expand early colleges in the state of Colorado**

Board Discussion for Saturday 1:30 pm

- 1. Meeting with Dustin Sparks

Dustin Sparks has been our Legal Counsel for several years and has been very involved in structuring our purchase of real estate and the structuring of our organization for effective growth.

Topics for Discussion

- 1. Collaborative or Charter Management Organization
  - a. Different organizational structures and school startups
  - b. Governing Board
  - c. Faculties
  - d. Financial Planning
- 2. Douglas County
  - a. Authorizer
  - b. Facility
  - c. Governing Board
  - d. Relationship with Douglas County
  - e. Employees
  - f. Grant
  - g. Educational program
  - h. College Partners

All guest speakers and their spouses are invited to our Christmas Dinner at 4 pm at the hotel.

