

Mission Statement

“The Black Educator’s Network” will collaborate and problem-solve issues related to minorities in the Colorado Springs PreK-16 community.

Issues involving collaboration and problem-solving will include:

- Student Achievement
- Socio-Emotional Well-being
- Graduation Rates

For Educators:

- Recruitment
- Retention
- Succession

History of Organization

B.E.N was founded in 2010 to help close the achievement gap for children of color and children in poverty in the Colorado Springs area. The group also wanted to help increase the number of minority educators in schools and executive professional positions, and to provide strategies for parents that would help strengthen the school/student/parent partnerships.

Featured Speakers

- Dr. Regina Lewis (motivational speaker) “Communicate to Motivate and not to Aggravate”
- Dr. Nicolas Gledich (Superintendent DII) open forum including recruitment and retention of Minorities in DII
- Dr. Mary Thurman (Deputy Superintendent Personnel Support Services DII)
- Cordelia Stone (Principal King ES DII) Principally Speaking- A Blue Ribbon School’s Journey from Sapporo Drive to the White House 2011

Hosted Forum Presentations

- All candidates for DII 2011 BOE election
- HR interview tips from Directors Dr. Mary Guinn (Falcon 49) and Pat Ring (DII)
- Reducing the stress professionally and personally (Ms. Michelle Legette, LSW)
- Sharon Tunson – Honing our skills for further development