Questions to Ponder

Do you think the school system is designed to help your child succeed?

If there was a forum to help parents understand school related issues, would you participate?

What is your most pressing concern regarding your child's education?

If you would like to have someone from the Black Educator's Network contact you, please email BlackEducatorsNetwork@gmail.com and provide your name, contact information, and any questions you may have. "Education is that whole system of human training within and without the school house walls, which molds and develops men." -W.E.B Dubois





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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

<u>History of</u> <u>Organization</u>

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 D11)
- -Cordelia Stone (Principal King ES DII) Principally Speaking- A Blue Ribbon School's Journey from Sapporo Drive to the White House 2011

<u>Hosted Forum</u> Presentations

- -All candidates for D11 2011 BOE election
- -HR interview tips from Directors Dr. Mary Guinn (Falcon 49) and Pat Ring (D11)
- -Reducing the stress professionally and personally (Ms. Michelle Legette, LSW) Sharon Tunson – Honing our