

To members of the Far Northeast Community Committee:

Back to school: This week we launch into the fall meeting series for the FNECC. Thank you for your continued commitment to FNE kids and their schools.

If you were not able to attend a data briefing in the last two weeks, please email Laurie Hirschfeld Zeller at lz@aplusdenver.org to get a data packet. This material will inform much of the meeting work at the next several committee meetings.

Reminders: Bring your notebooks; we will provide new nametags reflecting your new table assignments. We will try hard to keep to the schedule, so do your best to arrive in advance to get some dinner, reacquaint yourselves with fellow committee members and get settled.

At our first meeting on **September 1, 6-8:00 p.m. at Rachel B. Noel Middle School**, we will consider the first round of options for FNE schools, developed by the DPS staff you have been working with in the committee over the last few months. To do this, we will rearrange our six table teams into two Elementary School tables, two Middle School tables, and two High School tables. As usual, we are trying to mix up parents, DPS staff and school leaders, and community representation to ensure a variety of voices are heard. There will be senior DPS staff members available as information resources as always. At meeting two and thereafter, you will have an opportunity to move to another table if you want.

Site visits: Curious about the new schools approved for Far Northeast for 2010? Please see attached information providing opportunities for FNECC members to visit Denver Center for International Studies, KIPP and SOAR I. Transportation will be provided from the SOAR I location at the Evie Garrett Dennis campus. This is an *optional activity for committee members but highly recommended* if you can manage the time; *choose one of the available dates*. If you cannot make the times for these committee visits but are interested, please contact the school leaders directly and indicate that you are an FNECC member; they have promised to work with our members to make sure you have an opportunity to visit. Spanish- speaking Committee members, please let Fernando know if you want to take advantage of this opportunity and we will arrange translation services.

DCIS: Kate_Farmer@dpsk12.org

KIPP: rholmes@kippcolorado.org

SOAR: mwaxman@soardenver.org

Bond projects: At our data briefing meetings, some members raised questions regarding the status of bond-funded projects in DPS, and the extent to which savings on the projects had been re-invested in the region. There will be a brief update on this at our meeting. For those who are interested in more information on the bond

committee, the projects and how these decisions are made, check out the DPS [Bond Committee Webpage](#).

Frequently Asked Questions: Finally, committee members have asked that the Frequently Asked Questions document that was provided in the spring be updated to highlight the current work of the committee. That will be available in paper copies and on the website in English and Spanish as of the first meeting this week and will be updated throughout the process.

As always, look for updated info on fneccschools.org. We look forward to seeing you Wednesday evening.

Sincerely,

**Laurie Hirschfeld Zeller
President
A+ Denver**

Far Northeast Community Committee

"All Means All"

New School Tours

Wednesday, 9/22 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Saturday, 9/25 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

(Choose the day that works best for you)

This is your FNECC opportunity to learn about the following new schools that will be coming into the FNE community next year. Translation will be provided as needed.

1. SOAR II (k-5)
2. Denver Center for International Studies (grades k-12)
3. KIPP Middle School (grades 5-8)

We will meet each day at 8:00 am at SOAR I which is located at 4800 Telluride St, at the new Dr. Evie Garrett Dennis Campus. Transportation will then be provided to the other two schools and we will return to SOAR I by 12 noon.

To reserve your spot please call Amy Schwartz at 303-486-8565 by Friday, 9/16.

This is an optional activity for all members of the FNECC

