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| Friday Registration: 6:30 pm -9:00 pm | |
| Saturday and Sunday Registration: 7:00 am-9:30 am | |
| Friday Special Session: 7:00 pm - 8:30 | |
| <i>Diane Ravitch and James Harvey: A Nation at Risk: The Hoax That Harmed the Schools</i> | Forty years after its publication, Diane discusses <i>A Nation at Risk</i> and its implications with James Harvey, who was in the room during its creation. |
| Saturday Opening Keynotes and Breakfast: 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. | |
| <i>Diane Ravitch and Gloria Ladson Billings Welcome to Washington: Congressman Jamaal Bowman</i> | |
| Saturday: Session 1 9:45 am-10:55 am | |
| Session Title | Description |
| When Privatization Becomes Personal | Indiana public school advocates will discuss realistic and proven approaches on how to communicate the effects of charters and vouchers to district communities. |
| Power in Numbers: Building a Coalition | Florida public school advocates will present successful coalition building techniques--among community members and with teacher unions. |
| Ed Reform 2.0: The New Playbook | This panel will survey the state of the ed reform movement by tracing what the principal players have been writing and speaking about. |
| The School Voucher Illusion: Exposing the Pretense of Equity | This session exposes how voucher advocates cynically used equity arguments to get their foot in the door that has been pried wide open to subsidize affluent private school families. |
| Mobilizing Faith Leaders As Public Education Allies | This workshop will explore grassroots strategies to identify, recruit, train, and commission pastors, rabbis, imams, and lay congregational leaders for public education advocacy and the fight against the privatization of public education, especially through vouchers and charters. |
| Lessons from LA and Oakland....One STRIKE at a Time (streamed) | Participants will learn how to harness worker strength through participation, parent coalitions, and student engagement in order to win at the bargaining table and in the streets. |
| Saturday: Session 2 11:05 am-12:15 pm | |
| Session Title | |
| Here's How to Fight Back Against Private School Vouchers | Panelists from Public Funds Public Schools and ally organizations will share examples of materials, tools and actions that are crucial for defeating voucher legislation and pushing back against existing voucher programs. |
| Fighting for Our Democracy and Our Students: The State Takeover of Houston ISD (streamed) | Houston community members and teachers will discuss how they are fighting back against the hostile takeover of the Houston Public School District by the state. |
| Countering False Charter Narratives | Texas analysts show how they created an interactive map to counteract the false narrative that charter schools promote in order to expand. |
| Arizona's Universal ESA Voucher Fiasco: What Can (and Will) Go Wrong with Vouchers for All | Learn how Save Our Schools Arizona is pushing back and successfully making the case to the public for a full rollback of the universal program in the first state in the nation to pass universal ESA vouchers. |
| Groundhog Day: The 26 Year Push for Charter School Reform in Pennsylvania | Pennsylvanians provide an overview of charter and cyber charter implementation in PA and who needed reforms have been so hard to win. |

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| Can You Un-portfolio a District? Lessons From Denver Public Schools | The workshop will feature a panel discussion of the challenges facing portfolio districts in the face of enrollment decline, with a specific focus on Denver Public Schools. |
| Lunch Keynote: 12:25 pm - 2:10 pm. | <i>Marvin Dunn. Awards: Diane Ravitch David Award and Grassroots Award</i> |
| Saturday: Session 3 2:20 pm - 3:30 pm | |
| Session Title | |
| Out with the New, In With the Old: Using Parent Engagement to Create Effective School Board Leaders (NPE Action) | The workshop provides an overview of the Parent Engagement Program, a nationally recognized curriculum that produces parents who grasp the importance of collaborating with schools in leadership programs through Parents for Public Schools, Inc. |
| Religious Charter Schools: How Did We Get Here, and What Does It Mean? (streamed) | This researcher- and lawyer-led workshop examines the legal issues surrounding religious charter schools and their implications for policy, practice and politics. |
| Impact of Privatizing NC Public Education: Discrimination and Segregation Funded by Tax Dollars | This workshop will explain how school choice in North Carolina through school vouchers and charter schools have resulted in significant discrimination and segregation in our schools and in some cases, fraudulent use of tax dollars. |
| Defending Public Education in Florida - School Board Perspectives & 2024 Elections (NPE Action) | This workshop will share the experience of Florida school board members and the impact of the increased politicization of educational issues and school board races. |
| Organizing Across the States | In this session, representatives of a multi-state coalition from Arizona, New Jersey, Wisconsin, Florida, and Nebraska will share some of the things we've learned by comparing what's working and what's not, and explore avenues for further collaboration that would benefit public school students nationwide. |
| Empowering Community Schools Through Impactful Policy: An Overview of Best Practices to Create Loving Educational Spaces | Join representatives from the Alliance to Reclaim Our Schools and of the Schott Foundation's Opportunity to Learn Policy Commission for a robust discussion on federal policy opportunities for advancing Community Schools and supporting equity and justice through public education. |
| Saturday: Session 4 3:40 pm- 4:50 pm | |
| Session Title | |
| WTF: What The Florida (streamed) | Florida advocates share the signs along the road to privatization and how, leaning from the destruction of public ed in their states, others can be on the offensive to protect public education before it's too late. |
| Changing the Dialogue from Vouchers Schemes to Community Schools | This panel will unravel school privatization efforts, but more importantly, learn about the community school model, from theory to implementation with a success story here in the DC area |
| In Defense of Early Childhood Education and Care | Learn about DEY's national campaign to restore the link between high quality and early childhood and how you can participate in the work. |
| The Other Privatization of Education | In this interactive workshop, participants will learn about the outsourcing of Education Support Providers, including new threats from private-public partnerships and private equity; as well as positive, proactive ways to counter the privatization. |

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| From Congress to the Statehouse: Effective Advocacy for Public Education (NPE Action) | Participants will learn how to effectively advocate for the education issues they care about from a former lobbyist, a state legislator and a parent active in advocacy campaigns. |
| We Are the Leaders We've Been Waiting For: Lessons from the Midwest | This panel conversation with state leaders and organizers from Wisconsin and Indiana opens a conversation on how we can best come together, maximize our impact, build a base of future leaders, and use what power and influence we have in the roles we hold to stand up for students attending our public schools. |
| Keynote: 5:00 pm-5:45 | <i>Julian Vasquez Heilig in Conversation with Josh Cowen and Jon Hale. The Mother Crusader Award.</i> |
| Reception and Book Signing: 6:00 pm | |
| Special Session: 7:30 pm | TikTok Takedown: Unmasking Education Advocacy with a 'Dirt Road Democrat' and a Data Disruptor: A special session on how to use new social media to advocate for public education. |
| Sunday: Session 5 8:00 am -9:05 am | |
| Session Title | |
| PUBLIC SCHOOLS UNITE US: How Wisconsin Came Together to Protect Students' Freedom to Learn and Elect Public Education Champions (NPE Action) | In the face of book bans and bad bills, attacks on equity and on public schools themselves, Wisconsin advocates share lessons learned from real wins and losses across the state and messaging tools for coming together to keep the focus on students' needs, even when things get ugly at the local level. |
| Equity or Else; Building and Winning Anti-Racist Quality of Life Policy | The Journey for Justice Alliance and the Equity or Else campaign members will engage in a panel discussion/work session interrogating racism and the aftermath it leaves in Black, Brown, Indigenous and working class communities. |
| Ensuring Adequate Building Conditions (ABCs) for School Facility Conditions: Creating Campaigns for Information, Standards, and Improvements | This session will provide resources, tools, and strategies to local organizers, advocacy groups, and stakeholders to help advocate for changes to school facility policy and management practices that ensure safe school buildings for students and teachers. |
| State Takeovers: Lessons NOT Learned (streamed) | This session will provide critical descriptions and information from those who have seen state takeovers firsthand to teach the damage to communities and schools that occurs when districts experience a hostile takeover by the state. |
| Religious Freedom and the Fight Against Privatization: Protecting Religious Freedom by Defending Public Education | The workshop will explain how private school vouchers, and the proposal of religious charter schools, threaten the religious freedom of students, teachers, taxpayers, and religious schools themselves. |
| Documenting the Educational Exodus | This presentation shares research and film footage that pieces together the educational exodus of American teachers in America through interviews, photos, and facts. |
| Brunch: 9:15-10:40 Keynote | <i>Diane Ravitch in Conversation with Randi Weingarten and Becky Pringle</i> |
| Sunday: Session 6 10:50 am -12:05 pm | |
| Session Title | |
| Schools of Opportunity: 10 Research-Based Models of Equity in Action | This workshop, which arises out of the National Education Policy Center's "Schools of Opportunity" Project, highlights public high schools that are using research-based practices to close opportunity gaps, presenting an alternative to the nation's imbalanced focus on standardized test scores. |

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| Truth Rising (streamed) | Leading Board Members from Uniting to Save Our Schools will share their 2023 Campaign of Critical Dialogues efforts to fight for truth and equity in our nation's public schools. |
| Flipping the School Board to Public Education Champions (NPE Action) | This workshop will explain how the Virginia Superintendent of the Year was fired creating a district nightmare and let participants know how the community was organized to fight back. |
| The Art of Educating Your Representative (NPE Action) | Letty Mederos, a pro-public education lobbyist and former Chief of Staff to Congresswoman Rosa De Lauro, will share best practices in how to help educate your representatives on the issues surrounding public education. |
| Pushing Back Against Extremists at the School Board Level | This workshop will share strategies to use when right-wing extremists make attempts to takeover your local school board. |
| Providing Quality Public Education For Every Child | Participants will learn how to create legislative agendas that promote diverse curricula and discourage privatization. |
| Sunday Session 7: 12:15 pm - 1:20 | |
| Session Title | |
| Fighting Privatization by Winning Community Schools | This panel will teach what a community school is, explain how the model is being won and implemented in a number of states, and show how it's improving the lives (and test scores) of students from suburban Florida to downtown Los Angeles. |
| Voucher Costs - Calculation and Mobilization (streamed) | Participants will learn about methods for calculating the cost of vouchers, communication strategies that highlight vouchers' impact on school funding, and grass top to grass roots approaches that empower education advocates. |
| Who Taught You? An Engaging Grassroots Effort to Recruit and Retain Teachers | One 20-year veteran teacher, a rookie teacher who left mid-way through her third year teaching, along with the founders of Who Taught You and the I Love Public Schools campaign, will share 3 easy-to-implement strategies to recruit and retain educators. |
| Book Talk With Alexandra Robbins | Peter Greene will lead a fascinating conversation with best-selling author Alexandra Robbins who will discuss her new book, The Teachers, which is a celebration of the teacher voice and a look at the reality of a teacher's work. |
| Merchants of Deception: Astroturf Parent Groups and Their Agenda | This workshop will provide participants with the tools they can use to expose groups that purport to represent parents, like Moms for Liberty, as well as resources for organizing and advocating against their dangerous agenda. |
| Final Keynote: 1:30 pm-2:30 pm | Georgina Perez |