



FAX ALERT

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LEADERS FORUM: LESSONS FROM THE FRONT TRIUMPHS FROM THE RAINBOW

This **Thursday, July 15**, the Center for Education Reform is holding a forum about recent developments in the education reform landscape. Entitled "*Triumphs in Education Reform from the Rainbow*," the event will feature seven dynamic, thoughtful, active and diverse individuals from four states.

Dwight Evans led his colleagues in the legislatures' Black Caucus to add the necessary votes to make charter schools in Pennsylvania possible.

Joseph C'de Baca, a ten-year a veteran of public school teaching and union involvement, has been on the front lines defending the rights of teachers and parents to choose their own school environment.

Luis Roberto Vera, Jr. founded of San Antonio Parents for School Choice in 1998. He and his group are champions for low-income children by promoting educational opportunities.

Beryl Roberts is a civil rights warrior, whose own involvement in her community has caused her to fight for equality and justice for poor children through higher academic standards.

Lt. Governor Joe Rogers is helping to raise the bar in Colorado and expand opportunity for children through charters and greater accountability for all schools.

Richard Bennett is a minister, a former *People for the American Way* advocate and a tireless worker who brings about better schools in Florida.

Lt. Governor Frank Brogan is co-author of the *A+ Education Plan* that did precisely that.

These innovators have bucked the comfort and popularity of the status quo to bring about fundamental change in the way children are educated and are empowering their communities to pursue school reform. They are models for action and a testament to the fact that positive change can happen for millions of children.

The forum will be held this **Thursday, July 15, from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm at the Hay Adams Hotel**. When you RSVP, we'll give you the room name.

We hope you will invest this hour of your time out of your schedule and join us for this atypical, non-wonky, Washington event! Please call the Center if you have any questions. Our number is (202) 822-9000.

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