



## Schools of Choice Equity Convening Agenda

Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 | 8:30 am-4:45 pm  
mindSpark Learning | 455 S Pierce St. Lakewood, CO 80226

TIME	SESSION
8:30-9:00	Light breakfast and coffee provided by CSI*
9:00-9:20	<b>Welcome &amp; Opening Remarks</b> <i>Alyssa Pearson, Deputy Commissioner, Colorado Department of Education (CDE)</i> <i>Dr. Terry Croy Lewis, Executive Director, Colorado Charter School Institute (CSI)</i>
9:20-9:50	<b>A Review of Research on Inclusion &amp; Special Education in Charter Schools</b> <i>Ryan Marks, Director of Evaluation &amp; Assessment, CSI</i>
9:50-10:00	Break
10:00-11:00	<b>Advancing Equity Panel: Expanding the Conversation around Special Education</b> <i>Facilitated by Dr. Terry Croy Lewis</i> <i>Panelists: Sen. Rachel Zenzinger, District 9   Chris Gibbons, Executive Director, STRIVE   Tim Farmer, Charter Attorney &amp; Parent   Kevin West, Director of Charter Partnerships, Adams 12 School District</i>
11:00-12:00	<b>National Context: A Practical Look on Special Education in Charter Schools</b> <i>Megan Ohlssen, National Center for Special Education in Charter Schools (NCSECS)</i>
12:00-1:00	Lunch provided by CSI*
1:00-1:45	<b>Research Review: Barriers in Special Education</b> <i>Alex Medler, Project Director, Colorado Association of Charter School Authorizers (CACSA)</i>
1:45-3:00	<b>Seeing it Firsthand Panel: Insights from Charter School Leaders on Serving Students with Disabilities</b> <i>Facilitated by Megan Ohlssen, NCSECS and Clare Vickland, CSI</i> <i>Panelists: Maggie McMahon, Tidioute Charter   Wanda Gregory, Capital City Public Charter School   Jerel Bryant, Collegiate Academies   Carlin Nielsen, Animas High School</i>
3:00-4:30	<b>Creating Safe, Engaging, and Equitable Schools</b> <i>Michele Tissiery, Engaging Schools</i>
4:30-4:45	<b>Reflections &amp; Closing Remarks</b> <i>Dr. Terry Croy Lewis, Executive Director, CSI</i> <i>Bill Kottenstette, Executive Director, Schools of Choice, CDE</i>

\*Food was not purchased with federal funds.