



★ **What is the Colorado Education Network (CEN)?**

- The Colorado Education Network is a coalition of individuals and organizations committed to promoting public education in Colorado. The Network's Promise of Colorado campaign is designed to provide Coloradans with tools to advocate for public schools. The CEN is not a political initiative and is not advocating for any specific school finance/funding reform.

★ **What does it mean to join CEN?**

- Organizations and individuals who join agree to the following principles:
  - believe education is the foundation for thriving communities;
  - understand that Colorado isn't funding its schools well enough; and
  - want to stay informed and be part of the solution.

★ **Who has joined CEN?**

- A list of organizations can be found on the [About](#) page of the website and consists of about 100 organizations and 1,000 individuals. Organizations range from businesses to school districts and PTAs to city councils.

★ **What is the *Promise of Colorado*?**

- CEN's first initiative was the launch of a positive, student-centered public relations campaign called *The Promise of Colorado*. Students are highlighted from across Colorado. Our youth are highlighted from across Colorado and the focus is on their potential as thinkers, leaders and caretakers of their generation and the future. Photo stories are released each week.

★ **Why was CEN formed?**

- CEN is meant to provide a positive, student-driven narrative that focuses on the value of public education and counters the negative rhetoric about public schools.
- There is also widespread concern in the education community that people are accepting Colorado's current school funding as the new normal. The reality is that we are not adequately or equitably funding our schools.

★ **How can you help?**

- [Join the Colorado Education Network](#).
- [Schedule a presentation](#) at your school during parent and/or staff meetings —such as PTA and school accountability meetings — or other events.
- Promote *Promise of Colorado* student stories on on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and/or [Instagram](#).
- Talk to your parents and and peers about CEN and what they can do to [get involved](#).