

REAL TALKS



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Friendship Public Charter School Speaker Series **REAL TALKS @Friendship** brings influential speakers to provide motivation, ideas, inspiration and different perspectives for the enrichment of our students and the Friendship community. Our next **REAL TALKS@Friendship** will be held on Thursday February 11, 2016. Dr. Steve Perry will speak to our students at Collegiate Academy at 10:30 am and Tech Prep at 1:00 pm. Both sessions will be live streamed.

ABOUT DR. STEVE PERRY

Revolutionizing Education in America

Dr. Steve Perry has become a national icon in the education revolution, a change agent who is tireless in his fight for providing equal and competitive opportunities for children who otherwise would not have a voice. His mission is simple, high-quality education with college bound opportunities for children in poverty. It is his belief that in order to best educate a child you must treat them and their family as your family. He exemplifies this practice throughout his work in schools and with school communities throughout the country.

Dr. Perry's commitment to excellence started as former principal of what *U.S. News and World Report* has cited as one of the top schools in the country, Capital Preparatory Magnet School in Hartford, Connecticut. Capital Prep has sent 100% of its predominantly low-income, minority, first generation high school graduates to four-year colleges every year since its first class graduated in 2006. Subsequently this success led him to start Capital Preparatory Schools in 2012 with the objective to open schools that provide as many low income students/families with an educational experience that he considers a right not just an opportunity.

As head of schools, Dr. Perry has been instrumental in advocating for, developing and opening the Capital preparatory Harbor School in Bridgeport CT, for the 2015-16 school year. His organization will also be opening the Capital Preparatory Harlem School, in the 2016-17 school year and will continue to open high quality, high performing schools.

Dr. Perry is completely committed to closing the educational inequities that plague our youth and families in low income communities. He considers the current state of education as being in crisis and when he speaks it is a call to action to ignite an urgency to save the children. His words are personal, brilliant and heartfelt, motivating people throughout the country to take action and become active in the educational reform to save their communities. His passion, advocacy and commitment to education can also be seen through his additional works; CNN's Black in America series, Education Contributor for CNN and MSNBC, an Essence Magazine columnist, and host of the #1 docudrama for TVONE "Save My Son." He shares his keys to success and calls to action in his latest best-selling book, "Push Has Come To Shove: Getting Our Kids The Education They Deserve – Even If It Means Picking A Fight."

