

SAVE OUR SCHOOLS - SOS
National Movement Dedicated to Saving, Rethinking, and Transforming Public Schools

(adopted January 29th, 2012 by the SOS Steering Committee)

SOS Education Convention

- What:** First-ever gathering of a wide-range of representatives from educational, parent, and student organizations.
- When:** August 3-5, 2012 (Friday afternoon to Sunday morning)
❖ People attending the Convention will only have to stay Friday & Saturday nights.
- Where:** Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, Washington, D.C.
- Purpose:** Develop the "**PEOPLE'S PLATFORM for PUBLIC EDUCATION**"
❖ This Platform will represent how educators, parents, and students believe public education should be in America.

Platform

Issues for Planks (not finalized as of this date)

- 1. Poverty (including anti-poverty program)**
- 2. Civil Rights (including ELL, immigration)**
- 3. Standards (including Common Core, impact of standards on practice)**
- 4. Equitable Funding**
- 5. Student Assessments**
- 6. Teacher Evaluations and Teacher Professionalism**
- 7. School Accountability**
- 8. Parent and Community Involvement**
- 9. Curriculum Development (including the arts & physical education)**
- 10. Charter Schools (including vouchers & privatization)**
- 11. Reconstituting NCLB/ESEA**
- 12. Early Childhood**
- 13. Students**
- 14. Collective Bargaining/Unionism**

Platform Development Process

- **Campaign underway to promote the People's Platform for Public Education**
- **National Conversation about the Platform Planks conducted prior to the Convention using the SOS website, Twitter, Facebook, and other social media.**
- **Draft of each Platform Plank developed prior to the Convention through Committees**

- **Platform Planks discussed during the Delegate Meetings held at the Convention and finalized for approval by the General Assembly on Saturday, August 4th.**
 - **Participants at the Convention will serve as Delegates.**
- **Signing Event at the General Assembly held on Sunday morning, August 5th**
- **Platform delivered and presented at the Republican Convention the week of August 27th in Tampa, Florida and the Democratic Convention the week of September 3rd at Charlotte, North Carolina.**
- **Platform Planks used throughout the United States as "rallying points" for needed action to strengthen public education.**

Convention Schedule at the Marriott Wardman

- **Friday, August 3rd**
 - **1:00-3:00 pm Registration**
 - **3:00-5:00 pm Delegate Meetings*/Workshops**
 - **5:00-7:00 pm DINNER (on your own)**
 - **7:00-8:30 pm General Assembly w/keynote speaker**
- **Saturday, August 4th**
 - **8:30 am-12:00 noon**
 - **General Assembly w/keynote speaker**
 - **Delegate Meetings*/Workshops**
 - **12:00 noon – 1:30 LUNCH w/keynote speaker**
 - **1:30-3:30 pm Delegate Meetings*/Workshops**
 - **3:30-4:00 pm AFFTERNOON SNACK**
 - **4:00-5:00 pm General Assembly w/keynote speaker**
 - **Platform Approval**
 - **7:00 DINNER w/keynote speaker**
- **Sunday, August 5th**
 - **9:00-10:00 am SIGNING EVENT (attendance optional)**
 - **10:30-12:30 pm Steering Committee Reflection & Follow-Up**

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