



In Pursuit of Equity,
Accountability and Success:

Latinx

Students in
Massachusetts Schools

**"From Equity to Liberation:
Transforming Education for Latine Success"**

November 5, 2021

CONFERENCE AGENDA

[Zoom](#)

Time	Conference Focus
9:00am	<p>Welcome/Opening Remarks Mary Jo Marion, Worcester State University and PEAS Organizing Committee Dra. Carmen N. Veloria, Suffolk University and PEAS Organizing Committee [Conference MC]</p>
9:15am	<p>The State of Education for Latinx Students in Massachusetts: A Data Overview Nyal Fuentes, DESE and PEAS Organizing Committee</p>
9:45am	<p>Morning Firestarter: Conversation with Congressman Jim McGovern Moderated by Viviana Abreu-Hernandez, Quinsigamond Community College and PEAS Organizing Committee</p>
10:15am	<p>Cafecito Break Music by Miguel Landestoy</p>
10:30am	<p>MORNING WORKSHOPS:</p> <p>What Does Liberation Look Like for Early Childhood Education? <i>Your early childhood sets the foundation for lifelong patterns of learning and how you experience your educational journey. Come engage with community advocates to discuss what liberation can look like for early childhood education. This session will provide a template for taking action that is timely, relevant & immediately actionable.</i></p> <p>Facilitators: Amanda Storth, The CAYL Institute Valora Washington, The CAYL Institute Rosemary Hernandez, Clarendon Early Education Services</p> <p>Creating Culturally Sustaining Learning Environments for Latinx Students <i>In this workshop, participants will learn about a study of exceptionally effective faculty at 5 Hispanic-Serving community colleges in New England, and the ways in which they design learning environments that support student success and belonging. Rooted in the framework for Latinx Cultural Wealth and theory of culturally sustaining praxis, participants will brainstorm and explore commitments and calls to action that can contribute to advancing success for Latinx students in their local contexts.</i></p> <p>Facilitator: Liya N. Escalera, PhD, University of Massachusetts Boston</p>
11:15am	<p>Cafecito Break Music by Luis Castillo, Boston Public Schools</p>
11:30am	<p>Una Plática con Dra. Antonia Darder Moderated by Melissa Colón, Bunker Hill Community College</p>
12:15pm	<p>Lunch Break</p>
12:30pm	<p>Afternoon Firestarter with Chris Soto, Senior Advisor to U.S. Education Secretary Cardona Moderated by Cynthia K. Orellana, University of Massachusetts Boston and PEAS Organizing Committee</p>
1:05pm	<p>AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS:</p> <p>Achieving Latine Student Success through Relationships with Families <i>Family culture, language and experience are used as assets to ground participating youth in programs. Families are integrated in information sessions, open houses and celebrations. Families are the focus of programs to work on multiple domains related to their own education, the education of their children and civic life.</i></p> <p>Facilitators: Hilda Ramirez and Carmen Rosado, Latino Education Institute, Worcester State University</p> <p>Lets Get Movin' Towards Liberation <i>Health, fitness, and nutrition discussions impact overall well-being, yet they are often absent in schools. The goal of this scholarship is to discuss the crucial role that community-based programs play in the community. Drawing on reflexive participatory methods, the author revisits a program to re-imagine it though a liberation framework.</i></p> <p>Facilitator: Juan Gutierrez, Graduate Student, Boston University</p> <p>Innovations to Close the Achievement Gaps in College and Career Success <i>This panel discussion will explore several different promising programs, including Innovation Pathways, 13th Year/Early College, and Campus Without Walls, that are changing the paradigm in how education is delivered, with focused outcomes on college and career success and closing the achievement gap for all students.</i></p> <p>Presenters: Kevin Fudge, American Student Assistance Kristen Almquist-Cevallos, Dearborn STEM Academy Chad d'Entremont, Rennie Center for Education and Research Policy Marjorie Ringrose, Richard and Susan Smith Family Foundation</p>
1:55pm	<p>Final Remarks by Rosemary Hernandez, PEAS Organizing Committee Networking Opportunity</p>