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Real Parent Voice - Real Parent Choice: How Parents Across America Connects the Dots

1:20pm - 2:35pm Oct 14

While public school parents/families bear the brunt of corporate education reform, our voices are too often drowned out by well-funded astroturf groups and politicians pandering

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Zerlina Smith
parent advocate, Parents Across America



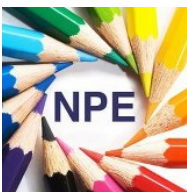
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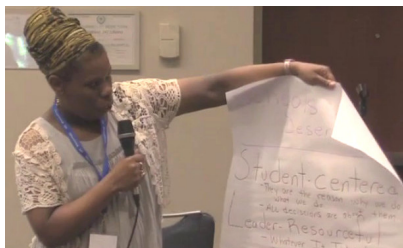
Mary Battenfeld
Boston Public School Parent Activist, QUEST (Quality Education for Every Student)



Greetings!

We're excited about the upcoming NPE conference in Oakland Oct. 13-15. We hope to see you and many other friends and allies. Make sure you plan to join our workshop on Saturday afternoon. Details below....

PAA ACTION OF THE WEEK



PAA pres Khem Irby reports out at NPE16

Join PAA in connecting the dots

We hope that many of you can join us at the [Network for Public Education conference](#) in Oakland, CA Oct. 13-15.

We especially hope that you will participate in our session, ["Real Parent Voice - Real Parent Choice: How Parents Across America connects the dots."](#) PAA past president Dora Taylor will moderate the panel which will include PAA-Chicago's Zerlina Smith, Mary Battenfeld of Boston's QUEST affiliate, and new PAA president Khem Irby of The

Mothers' Agenda NYC and PAA-Greensboro (NC).

They will share some of their trials and successes. Participants will also have time to talk about your concerns and activities - we'll have tables for each region and a PAA leader from that region to help us share information, ideas and inspiration for carrying on the fight for strong public schools. Participants will also receive a sample packet of our resources.

Our session begins at 1:25 on Saturday. We'll report back here for those who can't be there.

PAA leaders are also speaking on a number of other panels. Details [here](#).

PAA TWEET OF THE WEEK



Looking forward to #NPE17CA and seeing so many great friends and allies in the fight for strong public schools for our children. Join PAAers in Oakland 10/13-10-15 <https://tinyurl.com/yaxead4s>

PAA NEWS

PAA California chapter to sponsor Backpack Full of Cash screening prior to NPE meetup



You may have seen a promo for "Backpack Full of Cash" at last year's NPE conference. Now you can see the full-length version. PAA-North Bay (SF area) will be screening "Backpack" on Thursday, Oct. 12, the day before the NPE conference begins. They'll be across the bay from Oakland in San Anselmo, CA. It's a free screening with a talk by Dr. Frank Adamson of Stanford, Senior Policy and Research Analyst at the Stanford Center for Opportunity Policy in Education, who will present his research, as we make the links between local charter schools and the larger privatization movement.

The film, which is narrated by Matt Damon, explores the impact corporate-driven reform of public education is having on America's most vulnerable children, and communities across the country.

Here's the link to the eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/backpack-full-of-cash-film-and-discussion-tickets-37726113822>

Eileen Brown, leader of PAA-North Bay will be facilitating this event.

JOIN US!



If you share [our overall goals](#) of progressive, positive education reform and more parent input in education policy making, we invite you to affiliate with us if you are an existing group, or to form a new PAA chapter. The more of us there are, the stronger our voice will be at every level. [Here's how!](#)

If you have questions, comments, suggestions or stories to share, please e-mail us at info@parentsacrossamerica.org or visit www.parentsacrossamerica.org.

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