

Keynote Speakers

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Jamie Vollmer
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Schools Cannot Do This Alone: Student Success in an Age of Rising Expectations

“People working in our schools are heroes, and this is public education’s most hopeful time.” An award-winning advocate of public education, Jamie has worked for the past 25 years to help schools and their communities remove the obstacles to student learning, both in and out of school. While not a professional educator, he became involved with school reform after careers in law and manufacturing. Once a harsh critic of America’s public schools, he has become an articulate friend. He combines statistics, logic and humor to energize and encourage educators and others to work together to remove the obstacles to progress and create schools that unfold the full potential of every child.

Pedro A. Rivera
Secretary of Education
Pennsylvania Department of Education

Secretary Rivera has extensive experience in public education. Prior to serving as superintendent of The School District of Lancaster, he served as a classroom teacher, staff member with the Philadelphia Federation of Teachers, assistant principal, principal, and executive director for the School District of Philadelphia. In September 2014, he was honored by the White House as a Champion of Change for his efforts to transform urban education. He has spent his entire career helping students.



Kathy M. Manderino
Secretary
Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry

Kathy Manderino was unanimously confirmed by the Senate to serve as the 34th secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry on May 13, 2015. Prior to her appointment, she was campaign manager of The Campaign for Fair Education Funding, a broad-based statewide coalition that advocates for a fair and adequate funding formula for public education in Pennsylvania. She previously served as senior vice president of Intercommunity Action Inc., and for 18 years was a Pennsylvania state representative for the 194th district in Philadelphia and Montgomery counties. Prior to being elected to public office, she was a private practice attorney in Philadelphia. Kathy’s career has come full circle: Her first post-college positions were with the Council for Labor and Industry and the Philadelphia Area Labor-Management Committee.