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**CPS FALL  
Conference**  
9 a.m. -3 p.m.

**Saturday  
October 16**

**Bunker Hill  
Community College**

**Lecture Hall C202**

**Charlestown,  
Massachusetts**

**Join us at 8:15 a.m.  
for coffee and ...**

# Citizens for Public Schools

## Taking Back Our Schools:



### Promoting Excellence and Equity in Public Education

### Countering the Attacks on Public Education

Ruth Rodriguez Fay (President of CPS)

**BREAKING NEWS: Federal Standardized Tests - Dangers? Opportunities?** Monty Neill, FairTest)

### Morning Panel - Social Pressures on Public Schools

Melissa Colon (Gaston Institute), Judge Leslie Harris (Boston Municipal Court), Jose Lopez (Co-chair Coalition for Equal Quality Education, Boston Teacher), Rep. Carl Sciortino (Medford, Somerville), Moderator: Julie Johnson (CPS)

### Morning Issues Workshops

#### ☞ Reform MCAS NOW -

Rep. Carl Sciortino (Medford, Somerville), Lou Kruger (Professor, Northeastern University), Monty Neill (FairTest)

#### ☞ Stop the Budget Cuts -

Jose Lopez (co-chair Boston Coalition for Quality Education, Boston Teacher), Norma Shapiro (Council for Fair School Finance, ACLUM Board Member), Luc Schuster (Mass. Budget & Policy Center)

#### ☞ Resisting Privatization and Profiteering -

Paul Dunphy (CPS), Lisa Guisbond (CPS), Ann O'Halloran (Retired Teacher)

#### ☞ Willing to be Disturbed: Eliminating the Achievement/Opportunity to Learn Gap -

Barbara Fields (Coalition for Equal Quality Education),  
William Robinson (New England Area Conference NAACP), Ruth Rodriguez Fay (CPS)

#### ☞ Increasing Access to and Investment in Public Higher Education

Professor Amanda Walker Johnson, UMASS/Amherst, Alex Kulenovic (PHENOM)

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### Afternoon Issues Sessions

#### ☞ Raising Public Education Issues in the Legislative Arena

Tom Gosnell (AFTMA), Julie Johnson (CPS), William Robinson (New England Area Conference NAACP)

#### ☞ Organizing a Reform MCAS Now Event in Your Community,

Jonathan King (CPS), Ann O'Halloran (CPS)

#### ☞ Responding to the Falsehoods in "Waiting for Superman,"

Jackie Dee King (CPS) and Ruth Rodriguez Fay (CPS)

#### ☞ Influencing Local Media Outlets,

Lisa Guisbond (CPS) & Miriam Stein (Stein Consulting)

#### ☞ Using Social Media for Outreach and Education,

Northeastern student intern