School Tours Planning Worksheet

Conveying the urgency and demonstrating the need for restoring resources to classrooms is central to our message: **Colorado Must Invest in Our Classrooms So Every Student Can Graduate Ready for the World.**

Some things to consider when planning your tour:

1. Who from your community might be interested in working on a school tour?

2. What message(s) do you want to convey?
   - □ need for facility repairs
   - □ addressing impact of larger classes
   - □ lost programs (music, art, PE)
   - □ need for technology upgrades
   - □ students need additional supports, counseling, etc.
   - □ what we would accomplish with additional funding
   - □ challenges in implementing recent reforms
   - □ meeting needs of student populations (ELL, GT)
   - □ unsustainable programs due to lack of funds
   - □ need for interventions
   - □ show effective programs/supports in place
   - □ ______________________________
   - □ ______________________________

3. What school(s) in your district might be most effective in conveying your message? Would the principal be amenable to hosting a tour or experience? Which teachers could effectively explain the challenges & opportunities to support students with additional resources?

4. Which state legislative districts overlap with your school district’s boundaries?
   - House District ________ Representative: ____________________________
   - Senate District ________ Senator: ________________________________
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5. Find out if your legislators have committed to visiting at least two schools before the end of the 2014-15 school year: [http://www.greatedaction.org/2014-candidate-questionnaire/](http://www.greatedaction.org/2014-candidate-questionnaire/)

6. Who from the business community or other municipalities (city council, county commissioners, etc.) should be included on the tour?

7. When would be an optimal time to conduct your tour?