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## **D2 Newcomer Summit**

COLORADO SPRINGS – The **Newcomer Summit** is a unique event that brings together educators across the state who want to learn and collaborate on strategies to best support newcomer students and families. The focus at the summit will be on inclusivity, making learning accessible for all students, creating welcoming environments, and building empathy.

The morning will feature a presentation from **Lutheran Family Services**, a panel of **D2** students, and professional development provided by **Stephanie Dewing** and **Mary Hansen**. Educators will then spend time networking with each other in small groups to share experiences with supporting newcomer students and collaborating to find solutions for building better systems of support for this diverse and growing demographic of students.

The **Newcomer Summit** on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, from 8:00 – 12:00pm at the **Zalman Center at Harrison High School**.

Newcome Summit Agenda:

- 7:30 doors open
- 8:00 Welcome
- 8:10 Lutheran Family Services Presentation
- **8:30 D2 Student Panel**
- 9:00 Break
- 9:10 Presentation/Professional Development from Stephanie Dewing and Mary Hansen
- 11:10 Break
- 11:20 Break Out Groups and Collaboration
- 11:55 Parting and Thank you's