

**Report:**

I have been to this conference the past three years and it has never disappointed me. I attended three amazing sessions:

- **Pledging Allegiance and Free Speech**PI - Instigated by the current debate revolving around Colin Kaepernick on the San Francisco 49er's professional football team. Great stimulating and diverse discussion!
- **The School to Prison Pipeline/Zero Tolerance** - Our prison population is exploding in the U.S. and is linked closely to expulsions in the secondary public school system and affects students of color disproportionately. This is a problem that we MUST address for the future of our society.
- **Cultivating Collaboration and Building Strong Relationships** - This was given by the CTA Institute for Teaching and Learning and it showcased new ways the K-12 educators can involve underrepresented students parents in the educational process to help them succeed and mitigate the achievement gap. This is a great idea that I will use in our local high school outreach program.

Lastly, I was highly motivated by the Sunday keynote address by CTA vice-president Dr. Theresa Montano, in which she defined the challenges that we all face in the Trump administration vision to dismantle and replace our public educational system with private charter schools and vouchers.

Sincerely, and thanks for all you do Fola,

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