

Children's Defense Fund Freedom School • Sponsored by First Baptist Church of Hampton  
National Day of Social Action: "Public Education is a Public Good"  
Parent Engagement Panel Discussion • July 23, 2025, 3:00 pm

Time	Activity	Responsible Host
2:45 pm	Panel guests arrive, greeted by Freedom School Parents, and escorted upstairs	Volunteer Freedom School parents
3:00-3:15 pm	Mock debate	Freedom School Scholars and Servant Leader Interns
3:15-3:20 pm	Reset the front tables for panelists, if necessary	Volunteer Freedom School parents and SLIs
3:20-4:00 pm	Panel discussion with Freedom School parents	Freedom School parents and panelists
4:00-4:15 pm	Casual conversation and transition downstairs to the meal	Panelists and Freedom School parents
4:15-4:30 pm	Panelists tour of classrooms	Freedom School Site Coordinator and/or Executive Director

Confirmed panelists (as of 7/15/2025)

1. Bridget Adams, Director, Youth and Family Engagement, Newport News Public Schools (NNPS)
2. Dr. Terri Best, incoming NNPS School Board Chairman
3. Dr. Michele Mitchell, NNPS Superintendent
4. Del. Shelly Simonds, Virginia House District 70
5. Dr. John Caggiano, Deputy Superintendent and Chief of Staff, Hampton City Schools

We are waiting to hear from at least 6 other invitees.