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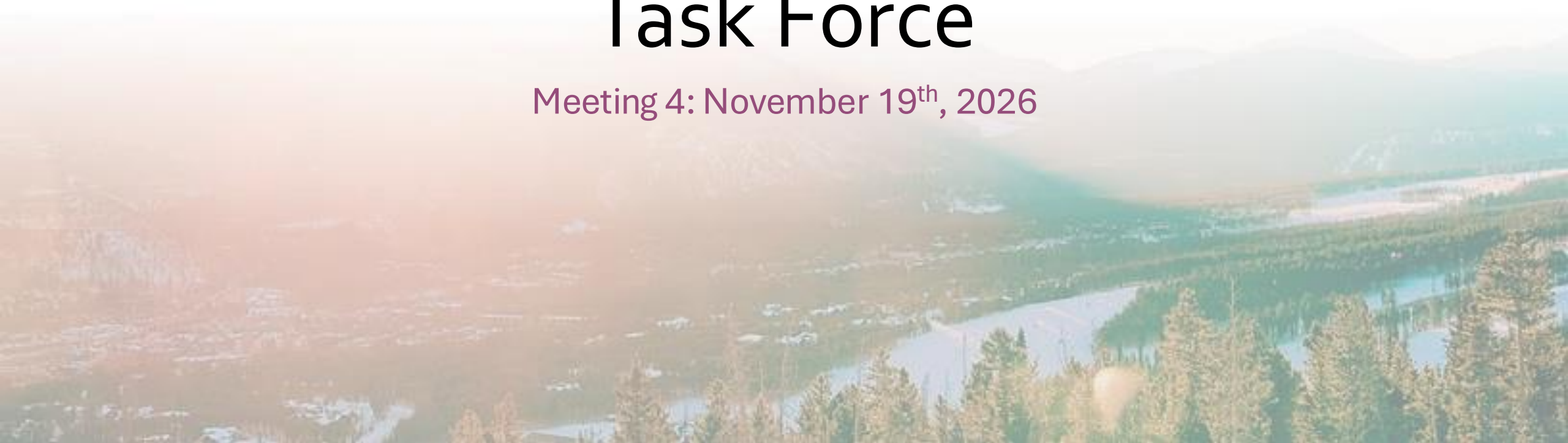
Access To Opportunity Task Force

Meeting 4: November 19th, 2026



Session Goals

- Review and discuss initial recommendations from meeting 3.
- Build out and sharpen the initial recommendations so they are more comprehensive – looking at risks, short- and long-term actions, and more.
- Directional consensus poll.
- Look ahead to the final meeting and goals.

Agenda

9:00–9:15	Welcome/ Bridge from Meeting #3
9:15–10:15	Small Group Activity: From Findings to Potential Recommendations
10:15-10:25	*Break*
10:25–11:05	Small Group Activity: Unpacking the Recommendations
11:05–11:40	Discussion: Exploring Alignment and Differences
11:40–11:50	Reaching Directional Agreement - Polling
11:50–12:00	Closing and Next Steps

Roles

Keystone Staff:

- Facilitate the conversation - Create space for productive dialogue, different perspectives, and thoughtful discussion.
- Support the Task Force's work- Help organize ideas, identify areas of agreement and tension, and keep the group moving toward its charge and recommendations.

Task Force members:

- Bring your perspective and stay curious - Share your experience and expertise, listen to different perspectives, and help build a shared understanding of educational opportunity across Colorado.
- Help shape the path forward - Identify what appears to be working, surface challenges and tensions, and identify the questions and evidence we need to explore before developing recommendations.

Working Agreements

- ✓ Agree to disagree
- ✓ Expect and accept non-closure
- ✓ Grounding ourselves in data
- ✓ Assume best intentions
- ✓ Listen to understand
- ✓ Avoid interruptions
- ✓ Be present
- ✓ Feedback on the idea, not the person
- ✓ Center kids furthest from opportunity

Virtual Meeting Norms & Icebreaker

- Avoid multitasking / eliminate distractions
- Keep camera on when possible / mute when not speaking
- Use features:
  - Hand raise
  - Chat
  - Reactions/emojis

- Icebreaker: What's your favorite thanksgiving food?

Task Force Roadmap

#1: Build Shared Understanding
September 16

#2: Learn From Success
October 27

#3: Identify Barriers
November 10

#4: Build Recommendations
November 19

#5: Refine & Finalize
December 17

The Task Force's report must be submitted no later than five months after the first meeting.

From Findings to Potential Recommendations

Reviewing Initial Recommendations

- Discussion prompts (in breakout groups):
  - Initial reactions?
  - Is the intent correct?
  - What's missing?
  - What needs editing?

Break (10:15 – 10:25)

Unpacking the Recommendations

Discussion: Exploring Alignment and Differences

- Where are the areas of agreement? Do these have broad support?
- Differing perspectives? How can these be further refined?

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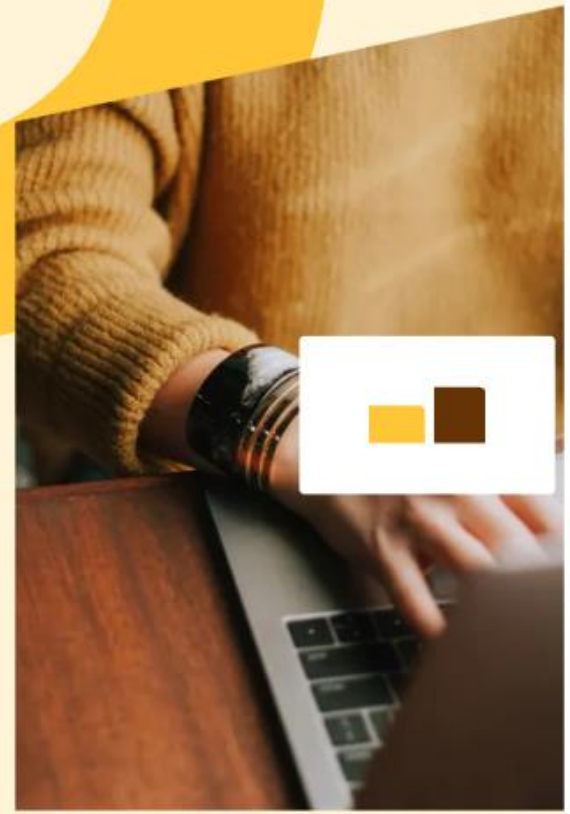

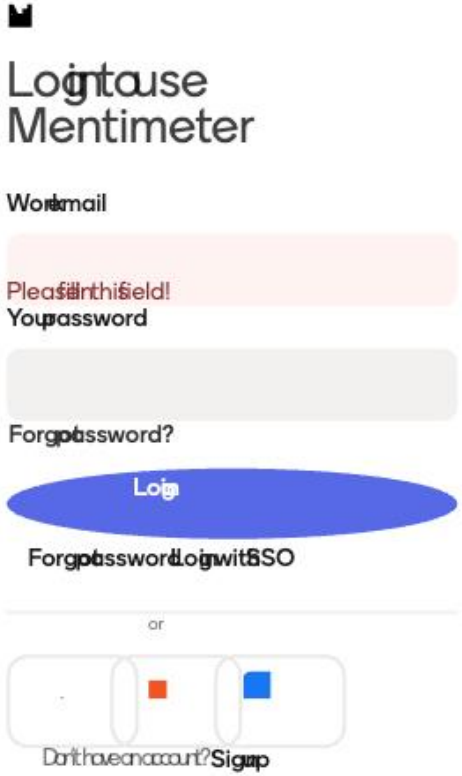

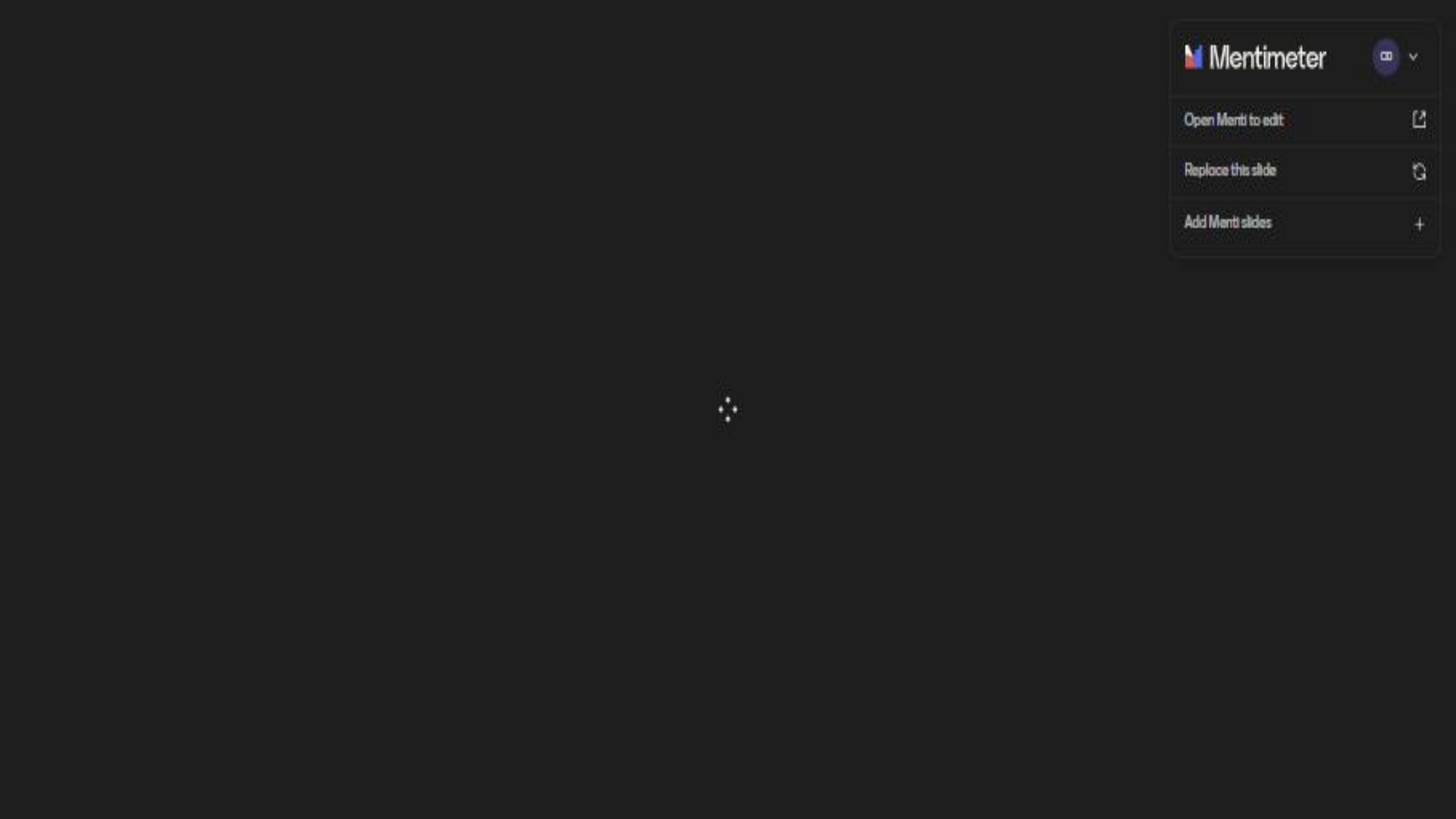
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Preparing for Meeting #5

- Review the **draft** report.
- To support each recommendation, analyze:
  - Intended outcomes
  - Potential policy changes
  - Partnership and implementation considerations
  - Accountability measures
- Discuss findings from empathy interviews.
- Document majority and minority viewpoints.
- Finalize the Task Force's work.

Reminder: Engaging Stakeholders

Purpose: These conversations are intended to deepen our understanding of what supports student success, the barriers that limit opportunity, and the practical considerations that should inform our recommendations.

- Conduct 2–3 conversations with stakeholders who can offer perspectives on educational opportunities in Colorado.
- Consider speaking with students, families, educators, school leaders, or community partners.
- Plan for approximately 15–20 minutes per conversation.
- Use the six guiding questions provided via Google Form
- Listen with curiosity. Ask follow-up questions to better understand experiences rather than debating or defending positions.
- Capture key themes and examples without identifying individuals unless they have given permission.

Thank You!

Next Meeting:

Thursday, December 17th

9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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