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**CEE IS ONE OF 12 EDUCATION FUNDS
INVITED TO WORKSHOP SPONSORED
BY KETTERING FOUNDATION**

Citizens for Educational Excellence, a Local Education Fund dedicated to promoting outstanding public education in Corpus Christi, is one of 12 members of the Public Education Network (PEN) invited to attend a two-day workshop in Dayton, Ohio, that will study public engagement specifically related to “Closing the Achievement Gap” in education.

The workshop, cosponsored by the Kettering Foundation and PEN, will provide an opportunity to discuss academic achievement research and focus on an understanding of the underlying principles of deliberative public engagement and public deliberation.

The communities participating, in addition to Corpus Christi, are Austin and Dallas, TX ; Helena, AK; San Francisco, CA; Bridgeport, CN; Washington, DC; Panama City, FL; Bolingbrook, IL; New Orleans, LA; Minneapolis, MN; and Cincinnati, Ohio.

“CEE is honored to be invited to participate,” said Janice Sykora, executive director of Citizens for Educational Excellence (CEE), who will represent CEE at the workshop. “As part of our commitment to be involved in this project, all participating communities will be responsible in formulating at least one public engagement venue in which the Kettering approach is infused and then participating in subsequent Kettering data collection efforts.”

The Kettering Foundation is a private operating foundation which conducts its own research and works with outside collaborators to explore fields such as education, urban affairs, science and technology, and international relations. The foundation focuses on basic political research and strategies to strengthen democracy.