This symposium will examine what has been learned about preventing school violence in the 20 years since the Columbine High School shootings; what has yet to be learned; and what evidence-based programs, practices and policies are possible. Attendees will hear perspectives from scientists, survivors of violence, and state and local authorities (e.g., school, law enforcement, and legislative) with the aim of stimulating action using evidence-based approaches.

Keynote Address
Deborah Prothrow-Stith, MD, Dean, Charles Drew University of Medicine and Science

Opening Remarks
Frank DeAngelis, MA, Retired Principal of Columbine High School

Speakers Including:

The problem of school violence – what do the data tell us?
Marc Zimmerman, PhD, Professor, University of Michigan School of Public Health

What have we learned since Columbine?
Beverly Kingston, PhD, Director, Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence, University of Colorado-Boulder

What has been learned from other fields about creating an environment supportive of safety?
Christopher Nelson, PhD, Senior Political Scientist, Rand Corporation

Moving to action in communities
Larry Cohen, MSW, Founding Director, Prevention Institute

With artistic performances from young people in partnership with Art from the Ashes