

# “Establishing A National Agenda for Meeting the Promise of Brown v. Board: 70 Years Later”

A National Conference of Researchers, National Leaders, Legislators, Educators, Community Leaders and Others

*Virtual and In-Person*

**May 22-24, 2024**

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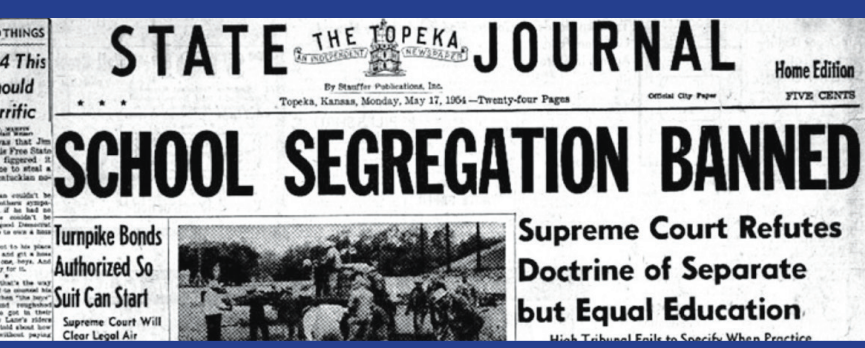
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Children of plaintiffs in *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas Case - 1954*

Research includes: Newly written white papers on *Brown v. Board*, by researchers, including:



Dr. Pedro **Noguera**  
*Emery Stoops and Joyce King Stoops Dean, Rossier School of Education University of Southern California*



Dr. Joaquín **Noguera**  
*Assistant Professor, Educational Leadership and Administration Loyola Marymount University (LMU)*

"Where Do We Go From Here? Assessing the Limits and Possibilities of Education for Black People in the U.S., 70 Years after *Brown*"



Dr. Linda **Darling-Hammond**  
*President/CEO, Learning Policy Institute (LPI) President, California State Board of Education*



Dr. Sean **Darling-Hammond**  
*Associate Professor, University of California, Los Angeles Departments of Education Policy, Community Health Sciences, and Biostatistics*

"*Brown* at 70: Progress, Pushback, and Policies that Matter"



Dr. Na'ilah **Nasir**  
*President Spencer Foundation Overview/Intro*



Dr. Ken **Wesson**  
*Educational Consultant: Neuroscience California Association of African American Superintendents and Administrators, CAAASA "A Timeline of the African American Struggle for Desegregation and Equity Prior to and Since the *Brown v. Board of Education* Decision"*



Dr. Rucker **Johnson**  
*Chancellor's Professor of Public Policy in the Goldman School of Public Policy, University of California, Berkeley "Reclaiming the Promise of *Brown*: The Integration of Desegregation & School Funding Reform" (Co-Author)*



Dr. Gary **Orfield**  
*Distinguished Research Professor & Co-Director Civil Rights Project/Proyecto Derechos Civiles, UCLA Co-Founder & Director, Harvard Civil Rights Project - Past "The Dream of Integration & the Politics of Resegregation: The Continuing Battle over the Legacy of *Brown v. Board of Education*"*



Dr. Carol **Lee**  
*Edwina S. Tarry Professor Emerita, School of Education and Social Policy Northwestern University "The Complex Braid of *Brown*: How Conceptualizations and Initiatives Within the African American Community of Research, Practice and Activism Have Influenced the Advance of Knowledge and Practice in Education "*



Dr. Gloria **Ladson-Billings**  
*Professor Emerita of Urban Education University of Wisconsin - Madison "But What About the Teachers? The Forgotten Narratives of Black Teachers in the Midst of *Brown*"*



Dr. Kent **McGuire**  
*Program Director of Education William and Flora Hewlett Foundation "Brown v. Board of Education and the Democratic Purposes of Public Education"*



**Ary Amerikaner**  
*Co-Founder & Executive Director Brown's Promise "Reclaiming the Promise of *Brown*: The Integration of Desegregation & School Funding Reform" (Co-Author)*



Dr. Travis **Bristol**  
*Associate Professor of Teacher Education and Education Policy UC Berkeley*



Dr. Desiree **Carver-Thomas**  
*Researcher and Policy Analyst, Learning Policy Institute*

"Facing the Rising Sun: Black Teachers' Positive Impact Post-*Brown*"

The purpose of this conference is to assess the state of Black K12 education in 1954 (at the time of the Brown v. Board decision), compared to where we are 70 years after Brown, and to listen to concerns and challenges related to education equity. By working with a wide range of education stakeholders from across the country (legislators, community leaders, policymakers), we hope to develop working groups around the country, who will work together for the next five years, to formulate and implement a national plan of action addressing issues of concern to our communities by the time of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Brown decision.

**Day 1 - Wednesday, May 22, 2024**

**12:00pm - 1:45pm: Conference Opening Luncheon Plenary**

**Greetings/ Introduction/ Conference Purpose:**



**Dr. Adam Clark**  
*President, CAAASA  
Superintendent,  
Mt. Diablo Unified  
School District, CA*



**Dr. Na'ilah Nasir**  
*President  
The Spencer Foundation*



**Dr. Linda Darling-Hammond**  
*President and CEO  
Learning Policy Institute  
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**Plenary 1:**

**Top 5 Most Pressing Challenges Facing African American Education Since Brown**

**Rock Creek Ballroom**

**Distinguished Keynote Speakers:**



**Moderator:**  
**Dr. Na'ilah Nasir**  
*President  
The Spencer Foundation*



**Chase Moore**  
*Special Assistant, U.S. Department of Education,  
White House Initiative on Advancing  
Educational Equity, Excellence,  
and Economic Opportunity for  
Black Americans*



**Lezli Baskerville**  
*President and CEO,  
National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education  
Commissioner,  
White House Initiative on Advancing Educational Equity,  
Excellence and Economic Opportunity for Black Americans.*



**Randi Weingarten**  
*President  
American Federation of Teachers (AFT)*



**Dr. Gary Orfield**  
*Researcher/Co-Director  
Civil Rights Project, UCLA  
Co-Founder/Director, Harvard Civil Rights Project*



**Dr. Gloria Ladson-Billings**  
*Researcher/Professor Emerita  
University Wisconsin - Madison  
**Audience Q & A (if time permits)***

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**2:00pm - 3:15pm: Workshop Series 1**

**Changing Patterns of School Segregation and Future Possibilities**

**Room 2**

**Presenter:**

**Dr. Gary Orfield**

*Researcher/Co-Director Civil Rights Project,  
UCLA & Co-Founder/Director, Harvard Civil  
Rights Project*

**Description:** The discussion will examine the transformation of school integration issues over time and focus on current battles and positive possibilities.

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**From Silos to Synergy: Building at the Intersections of School Integration Initiatives**

**Room 3**

**Presenters:**

**Terris Ross, PhD**

*American Institutes for Research (AIR)*

**Wehmah Jones, Ph.D**

*American Institutes for Research (AIR)*

**Megan Sambolt, MPP, MSED**

*American Institutes for Research (AIR)*

**Description:** This workshop will focus on implementation indicators designed to help education systems build successful integration initiatives. First, presenters will provide a summary of data collected from over 60 school districts, charter management organizations and schools, and fair housing organizations focused on implementing integration initiatives. Next, presenters will provide an overview of a set of contextual factors and indicators that were identified as supportive to those initiatives. Participants will then be introduced to a self-assessment tool, based on those indicators, and will use the tool to reflect on integration efforts in their locale and share promising practices with colleagues.

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**Our Work in a Post-Brown Era**

**Room 4**

**Presenters:**

**Dr. Gloria Ladson-Billings**

*Professor Emerita  
University of Wisconsin-Madison*

**Description:** This workshop examines the challenges African American educators face as they look to provide corrective history and broader perspectives more than a half century post-Brown. In addition to the challenges, the workshop will look at strategies and solutions citizens must take to ensure the preservation of our democratic project.

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**Beyond Brown: Charting the Unfinished Journey of Educational Equity**

**Room 5**

**Presenters:**

**Dr. Rhashene Davis**

*Chief of Schools  
Prince George's County Public Schools Maryland*

**Dr. Marion Smith, Jr.**

*Assistant State Superintendent  
Maryland Department of Education*

**Dewayne J. McClary**

*Senior Director of Partnership  
& Development  
Zūm*

**Jerri Kemble**

*National Academic Advisor - ClassLink  
Co-host - LinkedUp Podcast*

**Jamie Saponaro**

*Director of Community and  
Professional Learning - ClassLink  
Co-host - LinkedUp Podcast*

**Sakeenah Daniels**

*Director of Partner Relations  
ClassLink*

**Description:** Join us for “Beyond Brown: Charting the Unfinished Journey of Educational Equity,” a compelling workshop aimed at examining the ongoing challenges and opportunities in achieving the goals set by the Brown v. Board of Education decision. The session will begin with a panel discussion featuring prominent educators and activists who will provide insights into both the historical context and current state of educational equity. The workshop will then transition into roundtable discussions, allowing all participants to share their perspectives and learn from one another. This interactive format ensures diverse voices are heard and facilitates the development of actionable strategies to advance equity in education. Don't miss this chance to engage in meaningful dialogue and contribute to shaping the future of educational equity.

**3:15pm - 3:30pm: Transition Break / Visit Vendors**

**3:30pm - 4:45pm: Plenary Session 2**

## **Trends in Black Student Achievement Over Time: What Policies Matter?**

**Distinguished Keynote Speakers:**



*Moderator:*

**Dr. Adam Clark**

*President, CAAASA, Superintendent,  
Mt. Diablo Unified School District, CA*



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*President and CEO  
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*Assistant Professor  
UCLA Schools of Public Health & Education*



**Dr. Christina Grant**

*DC State Superintendent of Education*



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*Program Director of Education  
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**Dr. Rucker Johnson**

*Researcher/Chancellor's Professor  
UC Berkeley*

**Audience Q & A (if time permits)**

**4:45pm - 6:30pm: Progress Review and Reception (President's Reception)**

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**Wednesday • May 22, 2024 • 4:45pm - 6:30pm**

"Establishing A National Agenda for Meeting the Promise of Brown v. Board: 70 Years Later"

**Day 2 - Thursday, May 23, 2024**

**7:45am - 8:45am: Breakfast**

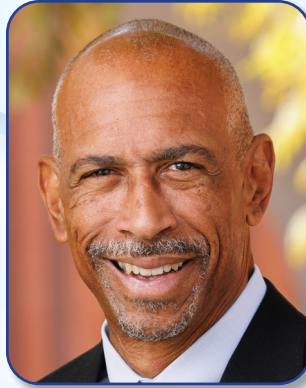
**8:00am - 9:30am: Breakfast Plenary Session 3**

**Rock Creek Ballroom**

# **Promoting Black Student Achievement in the 21st Century: Problems and Solutions** *(What works, what lasts and why?)*



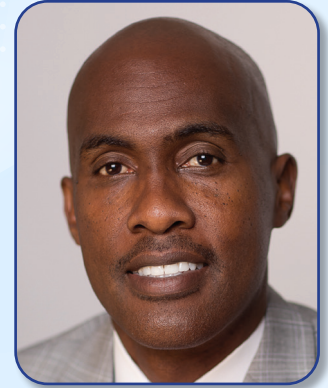
**Moderator:**  
**Dr. Judy White**  
*Retired Superintendent/  
Education Consultant*



**Dr. Pedro Noguera**  
*Emery Stoops and  
Joyce King Stoops Dean,  
Rossier School of Education  
USC*



**Dr. Carol Lee**  
*Edwina S. Tarry Professor  
Emerita, School of Education  
and Social Policy  
Northwestern University*



**Dr. Tyrone Howard**  
*Professor of Education  
UCLA  
President,  
American Educational Research  
Association (AERA)*

**Audience Q & A (if time permits)**

**9:30am - 10:00am: Transition Break / Visit Vendors**

**10:00am - 11:15am: Workshop Series #2**

## **Centering Black Students at the Heart of Equity Work: Perspectives from the African American Student Success Network**

**Room 2**

**Presenters:**

**Sujie Shin**  
*Executive Deputy Director  
California Collaborative for Educational Excellence*

**Dr. Patricia Brent-Sanco**  
*Director of Equity, Access &  
Instructional Services  
Lynwood Unified School District*

**Dr. Janet Schulze**  
*Superintendent  
Pittsburg Unified School District*

**Dr. Shawna Dinkins**  
*Deputy Superintendent  
Lynwood Unified School District*

**Eileen Chen**  
*Superintendent  
Robla School District*

**Dr. Kimberly Hendricks-Brown**  
*Principal on Special Assignment  
Fresno Unified School District*

**Description:** While data show widening gaps in access and outcomes for Black students served by our public education systems, school district leaders are increasingly pressured to refrain from explicitly addressing race-based inequities in our schools. Join a conversation with district leaders from a network of school systems who have been tackling the work and navigating the politics of ensuring that Black student success remains at the forefront of their mission to ensure that all students thrive.

## Sustaining the Lessons of Brown: Teaching Civic Reasoning, Discourse and Engagement Across the K-12 Sector and Across the Academic Disciplines

**Room 3**

**Presenter:**

**Dr. Carol Lee**

*Edwina S. Tarry Professor  
Emerita, School of Education  
and Social Policy  
Northwestern University*

**Description:** Drawing on National Academy of Education report Educating for Civic Reasoning, this workshop defines civic reasoning and discourse as entailing knowledge, epistemologies to value complexity, reasoning, and ethical dimensions to respect others, to empathize with people with whom we have disagreements, and commitment to democratic values. With our contested history, complex system of governance, and living in an inter-dependent world, preparation for civic reasoning is essential in public education. It should be taught across the K-12 sector and incorporated in all the content areas, rather than being limited only to civics and history classes. The workshop illustrates how preparation for civic reasoning and discourse can be integrated across the K-12 curriculum.

## The Teacher Truth Movement: Rebuilding Black Educator Presence and Well-Being post-Brown v. Board

**Room 4**

**Presenters:**

**Precious Stroud**

*Founder & Executive Director  
BlackFemaleProject*

**Dr. Micia Mosely**

*Founder & Executive Director  
Black Teacher Project*

**Dr. Britte Cheng**

*Principal  
Menlo Education Research*

**Dr. E'rika Chambers**

*Director of Programs & Teacher  
Truth Research Lead  
BlackFemaleProject*

**Description:** Brown v. Board forced many Black educators out of the field, and school systems' ongoing inability to repair this harm threatens the well-being of students and communities. Teacher Truth's research elevates patterns among Black educator experiences, spreading awareness about their needs and the changes required for safer, more nurturing workplaces. This session will provide educators across the system with strategic practices to enact systems change and practical solutions to train, recruit, and retain Black teachers.

## We survived the pandemic - now what? Leading for equity in a post-pandemic world.

**Room 5**

**Presenter:**

**Richard A. Carranza**

*Chief of Strategy and Global Development  
IXL Learning*

**Description:** The session will focus on lessons learned in response to the pandemic and how we can leverage this lessons to provide great educational equity for our students - particularly our students of color.

## Empowering Change Through Storytelling: A Pathway to Educational Equity

**Room 7**

**Presenter:**

**Jaime Barraza**

*Chief Education Officer  
Education Research and Development Institute  
(ERDI)*

**Description:** Discover the enduring power of storytelling in shaping educational equity. This workshop guides you in harnessing your unique narrative to engage diverse audiences and catalyze change across educational environments. Explore practical storytelling strategies that promote personal growth, enhance organizational effectiveness, and advocate for equitable education. Delve into how storytelling can build resilience, helping to articulate and amplify diverse voices and fostering a more inclusive educational landscape.

**11:15am - 11:45am: Transition Break / Visit Vendors**

**11:45am - 1:15pm: Plenary Session 4 (Luncheon Plenary)**

**Rock Creek Ballroom**

# The Role of Higher Education in Preparing Future Teachers To Be Advocates for Black K-12 Students



**Moderator:**  
**Dr. Na'ilah Nasir**  
*President*  
The Spencer Foundation



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**Dr. Travis Bristol**  
*Associate Professor of*  
Teacher Education and Education Policy  
UC Berkeley

**Audience Q & A (if time permits)**

**1:15pm - 1:45pm: Transition Break / Visit Vendors**

**1:45pm - 3:00pm: Workshop Series #3**

## Centering Equity During a Digital Revolution

**Room 2**

**Presenters:**

**Jamila Newman**  
*Vice President Transformation & Impact*  
TNTF

**Dr. Stacie Chana**  
*Founder*  
TechMaven Consulting

**Cheryl Cotton**  
*Deputy Superintendent*  
California Department of Education

**Kimberly Banks**  
*Founder*  
Black Girls Code and Ascend Ventures

**Host:**  
**Brittany Martin**  
*Vice President*  
Pearson School Assessments

**Description:** Seventy years since the landmark decision that created a new reality for Black children in public education, we are facing the force of a digital revolution that has the power to propel us towards our boldest aspirations for equity, access, and quality. Join us for an enlightening session that explores the transformative potential of technology in education and how we might capitalize on this moment to ensure the legacy of Brown v. Board of Education endures.

## The Future of Educations: Incorporating AI.

**Room 3**

**Presenters:**

**Dr. Mahlia Hines**  
*Educator, Retired Principal, Author, Speaker, and Board President of Common Ground Foundation*

**Debra Kerr**  
*Chief Growth Officer*  
AllHere Education

**Description:** Embark on a journey to redefine educational equity with "The Future of Education: Incorporating AI." This workshop delves into AI's pivotal role in achieving equitable access and outcomes by purposefully personalizing the student experience while increasing performance. Explore cutting-edge AI tools designed to identify and address biases, foster inclusive pedagogies, and elevate student engagement. Join us in shaping a future where AI empowers every learner to thrive, regardless of background or circumstance.



## The Importance of Coalition-Building for Improving Black Education Locally

**Room 4**

**Co-Presenters:**

**Diana Daniels**

*Executive Director*

Indiana Council on Educating Students of Color

**Annie Robinson**

*Co-Director of Community Outreach*

Indiana Council on Educating Students of Color

**Alexis Smith**

*Special Projects Strategy Consultant*

Safe Space Strategies

**Stacia Gray**

*Staff*

Indiana Council on Educating Students of Color

**Description:** In this workshop, participants will learn about the coalition-building process used in Indianapolis to develop a holistic plan for addressing the educational deficits for children of African ancestry. Members of the local community engaged in data-driven problem-solving to improve education for Black children city wide. The approach began by researching and acknowledging our local history in order understand how the challenges facing African American education today originated. Representatives from the Divine Nine will join this session to share how they plan to invest in this partnership on behalf of Black student achievement.

## Cultivating a Thriving Community of Black Teachers: Strategies and Insights from California Teacher Residencies

**Room 5**

**Presenters:**

**Dr. Travis Bristol**

*Associate Professor of Education and CREEO*

*Faculty Director*

UC Berkeley

**Dr. Jacquelyn Ollison**

*Director, Center for Research on Expanding*

*Educational Opportunity (CREEO)*

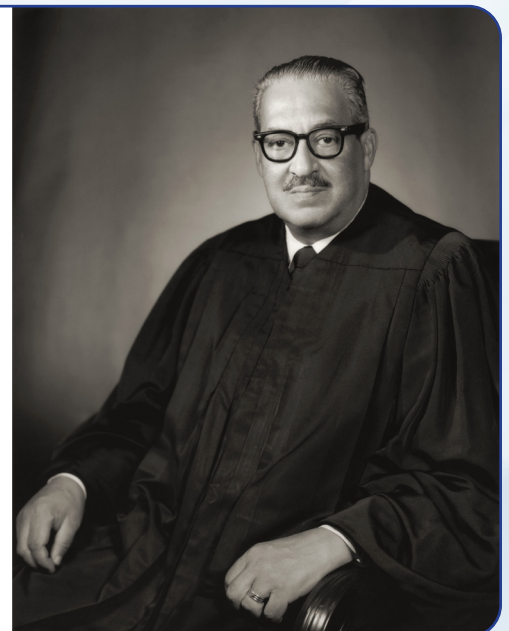
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**Description:** The Brown vs. Board decision led to the dismissal of over 38,000 Black educators in 1954. Even now, we haven't made up for this loss. Black teachers related to their students in ways that helped promote academic achievement and social and emotional development. A comprehensive education policy must consider recruitment and retention efforts to increase the number of Black teachers. Teacher residencies provide both, and we'll explore ways to create retention-focused environments that support the thriving and retention of preservice Black teachers based on our work with California Teacher Residencies.

### **3:00pm - 3:15pm: Transition Break / Visit Vendors**

*"Where you see wrong or inequality or injustice, speak out, because this is your country. This is your democracy. Make it. Protect it. Pass it on."*

*- Thurgood Marshall*



3:15pm - 4:30pm: Plenary Session 5

Rock Creek Ballroom

# Cultivating Future Leaders in the Black Community

Remarks:



**Dr. Miguel Cardona**  
U.S. Secretary of Education:  
(virtually)



**Moderator:**  
**Kyle Steib Jr**  
Confidential Assistant,  
Office of Secretary  
US Department of Education

Distinguished Keynote Speakers:



**Christopher Chatmon**  
CEO  
Kingmakers of Oakland



**Dr. Nyah D. Hamlett**  
Superintendent  
Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools



**Brittany J. Horne**  
Morgan State Doctoral  
Student, Principal,  
Western High School,  
Baltimore City Public Schools



**Windsor Michaela Bonds**  
2024 Howard University  
Graduate (Summa Cum  
Laude) Political Science/  
Criminology

Audience Q & A (if time permits)

Day 3 - Friday, May 24, 2024

7:30am - 8:00am: Breakfast

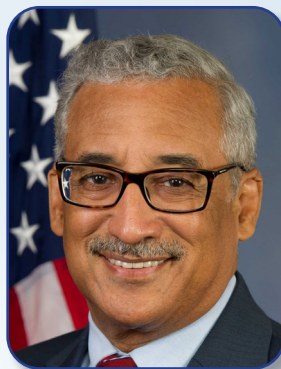
8:00am - 9:15am: Plenary Session 6 (Breakfast Plenary)

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# Achieving Educational Equity Through Legislation, Policies and Practices



**Moderator:**  
**Dr. Lois Harrison-Jones**  
Associate Professor Emerita  
Howard University School of Education



**Congressman**  
**Robert C. "Bobby" Scott**  
3rd District, Virginia/Ranking Member of the  
Committee on Education and the Workforce



**Catherine E. Lhamon**  
Assistant Secretary,  
Office for Civil Rights  
U.S. Dept. of Education



**Benjamin Williams**  
Executive Director,  
State Government Relations  
College Board

Audience Q & A (if time permits)

**9:15am - 9:30am: Transition Break / Visit Vendors**

**9:30am - 11:30am: Plenary Session 7**

**Rock Creek Ballroom**

# **Establishing a National Agenda: Collaborating with Civil Rights Organizations, Education and Community Leaders to Improve Educational Outcomes for Black Students**



**Moderator:**  
**Augustus Mays**  
*Vice President,  
Partnerships and Engagement*  
The Education Trust



**Dr. Horatio Blackman**  
*Vice President for Education Policy,  
Advocacy, and Engagement*  
National Urban League



**Dr. Diane Hatchett**  
*Chair*  
NABSE Superintendent Commission



**Denise Forte**  
*President and CEO*  
The Education Trust

**Audience Q & A (if time permits)**

**10:30am - 11:45am:**

## **Building the Public Will - Developing community plans to meet the promise of Brown**



**Dr. Ken Wesson**  
*Educational Consultant*  
Neuroscience



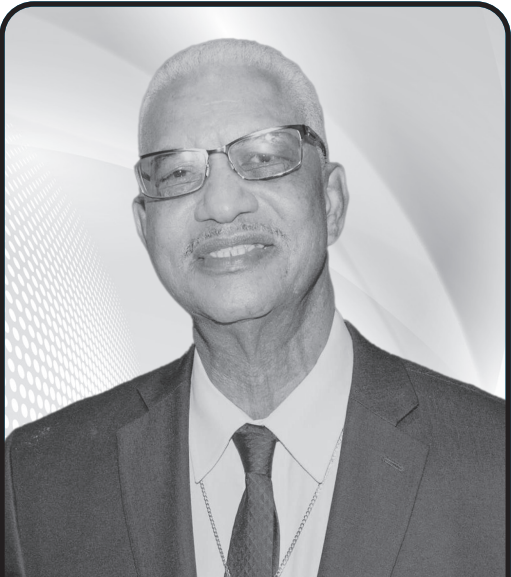
**Diana Daniels**  
*Executive Director*  
Indiana Council on Educating Students of Color

**11:45am - 12:00pm: Conference Closing remarks:**

**Dr. Adam Clark**  
*President, CAAASA & NCOEE*  
*Superintendent, Mt. Diablo Unified School District*

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*Executive Director*  
CAAASA / NCOEE

Thank you for participating in our first national conference in Washington, DC on "Meeting the Promise of Brown." As educators, legislators, community leaders and education stakeholders, we look forward to your continued support in this vital work with us over the next five years, during which time we will develop and implement a national plan for education equity for African American and other students of color. We also hope that you will encourage other like-minded individuals to join this work in your local community in order to address the barriers to educational equity for Black students throughout the nation. In the coming weeks, we will post a link at [ncoee.org](http://ncoee.org), where we will reach out to you concerning our follow-up meetings. This work is critical to the academic success of our students. While we have made progress in the 70 years since the landmark Brown decision, we still have a considerable amount of work to do and we need all hands on deck, and notably yours! Once again, our conference partners thank you for your active participation and we look forward to working with you closely in the future.



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