

***School Diversity in Action:  
Strategies for Increasing School Diversity and Fostering Equitable  
School Environments***

**U.S. Department of Education  
400 Maryland Avenue SW  
Washington, DC 20202**

**MEETING OUTCOMES:** Participants will:

- Learn about common challenges facing districts and schools working to promote diversity and how leading districts and schools addressed those challenges.
- Explore different models for increasing diversity in schools, within and across districts.
- Share strategies for promoting equitable academic outcomes and inclusive school environments in diverse schools.
- Join a learning community to advance nationwide efforts to increase diversity in schools.
- Learn about federal tools and funds available to support this work.

**OCTOBER 17<sup>th</sup> AGENDA**

1:00 – 1:30PM	<b>CHECK-IN</b>
1:30 – 2:15PM	<p><b>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mark Zuckerman, President, and Richard Kahlenberg, Senior Fellow, The Century Foundation</li> <li>● David Hinojosa, Director of the EAC-<i>South</i>, Intercultural Development Research Association</li> </ul> <p><b>FIRESIDE CHAT – U.S. Secretary of Education John B. King, Jr. and Melissa Harris-Perry, Wake Forest University</b></p>
2:15 – 2:40PM	<p><b>SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION – Goals for This Conference and Beyond</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Facilitator: Lee Teitel, Director, Reimagining Integration: The Diverse and Equitable Schools Project, Harvard Graduate School of Education</i></li> </ul>
2:40 – 3:50PM	<p><b>PANEL DISCUSSION – How to Get Started: Building Community Support</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Dena Dossett, Chief of Data Management, Planning, and Program Evaluation, Jefferson County (KY) Public Schools</li> <li>● Melissa Krull, Former Superintendent, Eden Prairie (MN) Public Schools</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demond Means, Superintendent, Mequon-Thiensville (WI) School District</li> <li>• <i>Moderated by Tanya Clay House, Deputy Assistant Secretary for P-12 Education</i></li> </ul>
3:50 – 4:05PM	<b>BREAK</b>
4:05 – 5:15PM	<p><b>PANEL DISCUSSION – Effective Incentives for Integration</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enid Rey, Executive Director, Office of School Choice, Hartford (CT) Public Schools</li> <li>• Linh O, Director of Registration and Enrollment Management, Cambridge (MA) Public Schools</li> <li>• David Glaser, Chief Executive Officer, Voluntary Interdistrict Choice Corporation (St. Louis, MO)</li> <li>• Francisco Martínez, Admissions Manager, Berkeley (CA) Unified School District</li> <li>• Scott Thomas, Principal, Glacier Hills Elementary School of Arts &amp; Science (Eagan, MN); Former Executive Director, Magnet Schools of America</li> <li>• <i>Moderated by Halley Potter, Fellow, The Century Foundation</i></li> </ul>
5:15 – 5:30PM	<p><b>DAY ONE WRAP-UP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John Brittain, Professor of Law, University of District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law</li> </ul>
5:30 – 6:45PM	<b>RECEPTION</b>

## OCTOBER 18<sup>th</sup> AGENDA

8:00 – 8:45AM	<b>BREAKFAST</b>
8:45 – 9:15AM	<p><b>KEYNOTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Catherine Lhamon, Assistant Secretary of Education for Civil Rights</b></li> </ul> <p><b>DAY TWO OVERVIEW</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Halley Potter, Fellow, The Century Foundation</li> <li>• Elizabeth Olsson, Senior Policy Associate, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund</li> </ul>
9:15 – 9:45AM	<b>SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION – Setting the Agenda for the Day</b>
9:45 – 10:00AM	<p><b>PRESENTATION – Federal Tools, Resources, and Guidance to Support School Diversity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Susan Inman, Director of Strategic Initiatives, U.S. Department of Education</li> </ul>
10:00 – 11:10AM	<p><b>PANEL DISCUSSION – Defining Diversity and Disadvantage</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Todd LoFrese, Assistant Superintendent for Support Services, Chapel Hill-Carrboro City (NC) Schools</li> <li>• Kathryn Ellis, Deputy Chief of Staff, Chicago (IL) Board of Education</li> <li>• Mohammed Choudhury, Director, Office of Transformation and Innovation, Dallas (TX) Independent School District</li> <li>• Kathleen Dawson, Executive Lead Principal, Metropolitan Nashville (TN) Public Schools</li> <li>• <i>Moderated by Erica Frankenberg, Associate Professor of Education and Demography, Pennsylvania State University</i></li> </ul>
11:10 – 11:20AM	<b>BREAK</b>
11:20AM – 12:30PM	<p><b>PANEL DISCUSSION – Diversity within Schools: Teacher Diversity and Development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Margarita Bianco, Founder, Pathways2Teaching (Denver, CO); Associate Professor, University of Colorado Denver</li> <li>• Sahba Rohani, Director of Community Development, Community Roots Charter School (Brooklyn, NY)</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leo Casey, Executive Director, Albert Shanker Institute</li> <li>• Ceronne Daly, Director of Diversity Programs in the Office of Human Capital, Boston Public Schools</li> <li>• <i>Moderated by James Cole, General Counsel Delegated Duties of the Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Education</i></li> </ul>
12:30 – 1:30PM	<b>LUNCH</b>
1:00 – 1:30PM	<b>EDTalk – Commissioner Karen Narasaki, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights</b>
1:30 – 2:20PM	<b>SMALL GROUP WORK – Developing Action Plans</b>
2:20 – 3:30PM	<p><b>PANEL DISCUSSION – Diversity within Schools: Reducing Segregation by Academic Tracking</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carol Burris, Former Principal, South Side High School, Rockville Center (NY) School District; Executive Director, Network for Public Education</li> <li>• Joshua Starr, Former Superintendent, Stamford (CT) Public Schools; Chief Executive Officer, PDK International</li> <li>• Nicole Vaughan, Special Projects Coordinator, Brooklyn Prospect Charter School (NY)</li> <li>• <i>Moderated by Kimberly Quick, Policy Associate, The Century Foundation</i></li> </ul>
3:30 – 4:00PM	<p><b>COMMITMENTS AND CLOSING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All convening participants will have the opportunity to share their commitments and action plans moving forward.</li> <li>• Richard Kahlenberg, Senior Fellow, The Century Foundation</li> <li>• Gina Chirichigno, Outreach Coordinator, National Coalition on School Diversity</li> </ul>