Welcome to Advancing Resource Equity: School Leadership Quality & Diversity

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Note: We will start recording this session shortly
Advancing Resource Equity:
School Leadership Quality & Diversity

The panel discussion will be recorded and made available to participants afterwards.
Agenda (1:00– 2:15 pm ET)

(10 min) Introduction

(60 min) Panel Discussion and Q&A

(5 min) Conclusion
Today’s session is organized by the Alliance for Resource Equity

**Education Resource Strategies** is a national nonprofit that partners with district, school, and state leaders to transform how they use resources (people, time, and money) so that every school prepares every child for tomorrow—no matter their race or income.

**The Education Trust** is a national nonprofit that works to close opportunity gaps that disproportionately affect students of color and students from low-income backgrounds.

The Alliance for Resource Equity works to bring stakeholders together to improve education resource equity in order to unlock better, more equitable experiences for all students.

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What is Education Resource Equity?

Education resource equity refers to the allocation and use of resources (across all 10 dimensions) to unlock better, more equitable experiences in school for all students.

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Learn more about the 10 dimensions of resource equity that have the greatest impact on the student experience at our website

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Today's discussion focuses on School Leadership Quality & Diversity

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Districts are faced with an unprecedented challenge right now … but also an unprecedented opportunity

**Situation**

COVID-19 is resulting in months of learning disruption, especially for students from low-income backgrounds and students of color. Researchers estimate that by Fall 2021, learning disruption in math may total seven to eight months for white students and up to 11-12 months for students of color.

**Challenge**

Pre-pandemic, research consistently found that students from low-income backgrounds and students of color were already less likely to have access to effective and experienced school leaders.

**Opportunity**

Federal stimulus funding (like ESSER) gives districts an opportunity to rapidly respond to meet students’ needs and invest in ensuring equitable access to strong and diverse school leaders.

We know that having a highly-effective school leader can **significantly** boost student learning and achievement:

Replacing a below-average principal with an above-average principal can **add the equivalent of 2.7 - 2.9 more months of learning** during a single school year.

The presence of a **Black principal can boost Black students’ math achievement**, even if Black teachers aren’t present.

These school leaders have this impact by…

- Being excellent **instructional leaders** through teacher evaluation and coaching
- Building **positive school climates** that prioritize trust, efficacy, teamwork, and engagement
- Fostering **collaboration & professional learning communities** by developing systems of support for teachers
- Strategically **managing personnel and school resources**

Today’s panel will be facilitated by The Leadership Academy

Empowering leaders. Transforming schools for every student.

The Leadership Academy builds build the capacity of educational leaders at every level of the system to disrupt systemic inequities and create the conditions necessary for all students to thrive. Since 2003, they have worked with educators in more than 200 school systems across 37 states.

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ABOUT US

MISSION

We build the capacity of educational leaders at every level of the system to disrupt systemic inequities and create the conditions necessary for all students to thrive.

VISION

We envision a nation where every school and school system is intentionally built to ensure children of every race, ethnicity, language, and other identity characteristics have what they need to achieve academic, social and emotional success.
A culturally responsive leader recognizes the impact of institutionalized racism on their own lives and the lives of the students and families they work with and embraces their role in mitigating, disrupting, and dismantling systemic oppression.
WHAT ARE THE 8 ACTIONS OF CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE LEADERSHIP?

• Lead for equity & access
• Align mission, vision, and core values
• Focus on instruction
• Facilitate adult learning and development
• Manage operations & resources
• Engage in personal learning & development
• Strategize change & continuous improvement
• Cultivate community care & engagement
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Free District Guidebook: Explore potential actions you can take to improve equitable access to strong and diverse school leaders

- Develop or refine **district-specific pipelines** to increase school leader quality and diversity, or form partnerships with outside providers to improve the pipeline of new leaders.
- Clearly define the skills and competencies for success in each type of school leadership role to create a consistent high bar for candidates in all stages of the recruitment and hiring process.

- Ensure that methods and processes for determining leadership opportunities are fair and equitable for all candidates by measuring the rate at which candidates of color are chosen or encouraged to seek out leadership opportunities.
- Implement **mentoring programs** and other forms of support to help school leaders navigate their roles and develop in their careers.

- Provide instructional coaches and teacher-leaders with **professional development that supports teacher teams** in implementing rigorous, empowering curriculum and instructional strategies.
- Provide targeted professional learning that includes mentoring and coaching for school leaders before, during, and after they make transitions into new positions and roles.

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Free Diagnostic: To help you assess the current state of resource equity in your district across all 10 dimensions

For School Leadership Quality & Diversity:

1. Does each student have access to strong school leadership?

2. Does the school leadership workforce reflect student and staff diversity?

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Thank you for joining today!

Please complete the feedback survey that should be in your inbox: [http://bit.ly/ARE-leadership-2021-feedback](http://bit.ly/ARE-leadership-2021-feedback)

Contact Betty Chang at bchang@erstrategies.org and Dr. Mary Rice-Boothe at mriceboothe@leadershipacademy.org with any questions or comments.

Check out the Alliance for Resource Equity’s resources at [www.educationresourceequity.org](http://www.educationresourceequity.org), and The Leadership Academy’s resources at [www.leadershipacademy.org](http://www.leadershipacademy.org)

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