Upcoming Events and Updates

SB 100
Where Are We Now?
In September 2016, Senate Bill 100 (SB 100) went into effect with the goals of transforming school discipline policies and practices, ending an era of zero tolerance in Illinois, and encouraging schools to find alternatives to suspension and expulsion. More than a year into implementation across our state, we ask ourselves: What has happened in Illinois schools since SB100 passed? What changes have schools made to implement the new law? How do we measure progress? What do we need to better support schools and communities in this transformation process?

Thursday, March 22nd, 2018 from 9am-1:30pm

25 East Pearson, Loyola University Chicago School of Law in Kasbeer Hall

Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Registration is free but space is limited, so register today below!

Register here

For more details and updates about the event, see the event page.

Have Questions? Contact us at transformschooldiscipline@gmail.com

This conference is sponsored by:

Join us at the movies!
Staff Attorney Candace Moore will be a panelist Feb. 20:

Upcoming Events and Updates from the Education Equity Project

JOIN EDUCATORS FROM ACROSS THE SOUTH SUBURBS

RESILIENCE
THE BIOLOGY OF STRESS & THE SCIENCE OF HOPE

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

MOVIE AND PANEL DISCUSSION

The documentary RESILIENCE, chronicles the birth of a new movement among pediatricians, therapists, educators and communities, who are using cutting-edge brain science to disrupt cycles of violence, addiction and disease.

Tuesday, February 20, 2018, 6 to 8 pm

GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY
SHERMAN HALL RECITAL HALL
1 W. UNIVERSITY PKWY.
UNIVERSITY PARK, IL 60484

Reserve your seat by either calling 844-452-1800 or visit http://illinoiseducatorsactionnetwork.org/Events/Event-5221

Update on Chicago School Closures

When Chicago Public Schools (CPS) announced its intention to close majority-Black schools in the South Loop and Englewood neighborhoods, students and community members demanded answers about the inequitable impact of the closures. During the CPS school actions administrative process, our attorneys partnered with Attorney Kate Gladson of LAF in representing Chicago United for Equity (CUE) and Concerned Parents of National Teachers Academy (NTA). Our work supported community members maximizing their opportunities to make meaningful public comments during the two public meetings regarding the NTA closure. At the January 29th hearing, we also provided testimony and submitted a Hearing Statement on behalf of our clients challenging the legality of the proposal at the January 9th hearing.

In addition to this representation, our EEP team partnered with CUE to bring together community members and produce three racial equity impact statements that were submitted to CPS and the hearing officers; two reports were related to the NTA proposal and one was related to the Englewood proposal.
While CPS has acquiesced to some community concerns and announced it will slowly phase out three Englewood high schools over three years instead of immediately closing all four high schools next school year, the work continues. Unfortunately, the hearing officer considering the NTA proposal has submitted an opinion that allows for CPS to move forward with the closure of NTA unhampered. The next steps include the CEO submitting this proposal to the Chicago Board of Education and the Board taking a vote to approve the proposed actions – anticipated to take place at its upcoming Feb. 28th meeting. Even still, we continue to work with our partners and community members to challenge these closings and the ways they unduly burden our most vulnerable young people and further the inequity that plagues our school system.