Dear Friends and Colleagues,

On behalf of the Transforming School Discipline Collaborative (TSDC), CLC’s Educational Equity Project (EEP) is pleased to present a new set of resources that schools and districts can use to bolster their efforts to implement equitable and non-exclusionary discipline practices. Developed by an interdisciplinary team of attorneys, school psychologists, policy advocates and community partners, resources include a Model Code of Conduct, an ISBE-approved Administrators’ Academy training, and more. The resources are free and available now at www.transformschooldiscipline.org.

Model Code of Conduct

TSDC’s Model Code of Conduct is an editable document school administrators can use to develop their student code of conduct so that it (1) complies with recent changes to Illinois law and (2) advances the goal of fairness and equity in the discipline process. Our research-based strategies are designed to keep students in school, fully engaged and on track to graduate. In addition to
together with a self-assessment checklist designed to support school district compliance with the new law. See [http://www.transformschooldiscipline.org/the-model-code/](http://www.transformschooldiscipline.org/the-model-code/).

Administrators’ Academy – Implementing School Discipline Reform: Strategies for Systemic Change

Illinois’ transformative new school discipline law (Public Act 99-0456, often referred to as “SB 100”), which requires schools to eliminate the broad-based use of zero tolerance policies and to make substantial efforts to implement alternatives to exclusionary discipline, goes into effect on September 15, 2016. TSDC has developed a training that assists schools to examine their disciplinary policies and practices to ensure that they align with the law. The full-day training incorporates TSDC’s Model Code of Conduct and other tools and is presented by an interdisciplinary team that includes a school psychologist, attorney, and restorative justice trainer.

TSDC’s next training is Thursday, May 5, 2016 from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM at the West 40 Intermediate Service Center No. 2 - 4413 West Roosevelt Road #104, Hillside, IL. Additional training information can be found at [http://www.transformschooldiscipline.org/trainings/](http://www.transformschooldiscipline.org/trainings/).

Please spread the word about TSDC’s tools and resources. Questions? Don’t hesitate to reach out!

All the best,

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