

WHO WE ARE

The **Missouri Equity Education Partnership** (MoEEP) is a grassroots non-profit organization that promotes an equitable community by supporting anti-bias and anti-racist approaches to education. **We believe that we are all stronger when we #LetThemLearn.**

WHAT WE STAND FOR

Our members advocate **in Jefferson City and throughout Missouri** to protect equity education and give voice to our fundamental ideas that:

- Diversity and equity education belongs in our schools **as much as math, science, and language arts.**
- Essential equity education emphasizes giving students the tools to build their own inquiry skills. It engages all students in **active listening, belonging, cooperation, and critical thinking.**
- This work is **NOT about shame and blame** but about embracing different perspectives, backgrounds, and stories that deserve to be told.
- Our students need this kind of equity education to **engage in a diverse world.**
- Equity education empowers teachers and students to learn **accurate history** as well as gain skills needed to engage with people from different experiences and backgrounds.
- Education **prepares kids for the rest of their lives**, and equity education gives them essential skills.

WHAT WE FIGHT FOR

MoEEP is pushing back daily against **false narratives that vilify Missouri's teachers** and diversity, equity, and inclusion work. We argue that:

- It is **wrong and misleading to conflate equity work with Critical Race Theory**, or CRT, which is an advanced academic concept studied in college and beyond, not K-12 classrooms.
- CRT is not being taught in Missouri classrooms.
- CRT is **not the same thing** as Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion work.
- Our opponents are intentionally conflating the two as a way to **attack any lessons and ideas they disagree with** and instead push the notion of "school choice."
- We know these are separate arguments, and **we will expose them as disingenuous.**
- We will **fight any legislation** that inadvertently censors curriculum, threatens teacher and student free speech, and removes local control.

WHAT WE DO

Since spring 2021, we have been working to build **a network of grassroots advocates across Missouri** to raise our voices together at the state and local level in favor of equity education. Our work so far has included:

- meeting with **lawmakers**
- testifying at **hearings**
- hosting **in-person and virtual events** on the importance of equity.

There is much more work to be done. We need your help and your voice. Please join in our efforts!

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