School Segregation in New Jersey

A pandemic of inequality & lost opportunity - A Statewide Conference

Friday, September 24 • 10:00 am to 3:00 pm • The Conference Center at Mercer

OPENING SESSION

10:00 Call to Order – Rev. Kenneth Darryl Ray Clayton, St. Luke Baptist Church, Paterson

Welcome and Overview (Rules of the Day) – Rev. Willie Dwayne Francois III, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Pleasantville

Spiritual Reflection & Opening Prayer - Rev. Karen Hernandez-Granzen, Pastor, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Trenton

Welcome to MCCC – Dr. Jianping Wang, President, Mercer County Community College

PART I - The State of School Segregation in New Jersey in the Age of Covid-19

10:15 Presentation – Professor Myron Orfield, University of Minnesota Law School

PART II  Why Should We Care?

11:00 Response and Reaction - The damage to the segregated and the harm to us all

Michelle Burris (Moderator), Jonathan Kozol, Erika K. Wilson, Linda Darling-Hammond

11:30 A Message from the Honorable Keith Ellison, Attorney General, Minnesota

11:45 Working Lunch

• Group by legislative district as much as possible

12:30 Lunch Keynote - The Call to Act and the Courage to Lead – Congresswoman Bonnie Watson Coleman

2021 Shirley Chisholm Breakthrough Leader Award

• Marie Blistan, Immediate Past President, New Jersey Education Association

• Assemblywoman Shavonda E. Sumter, Chair, New Jersey Legislative Black Caucus

PART III – What Can Be Done?

1:10 A Legislative Agenda for Dismantling Segregation in Our Schools in Our Time


1:20 Response and Reaction

• Policy Experts - Professor Leslie Wilson (Moderator), Professor John Brittain, Dr. Genevieve Siegel-Hawley, Paul Jargowsky

• Constituency Leaders - Patrick F. Carrigg, Esq, Charles E. Menifield, PhD, Monique Coleman

• Policy Makers

1:55 Call To Action - Next Steps

CLOSING SESSION

2:30 Closing Remarks – Sean Spiller, President, New Jersey Education Association and Mayor, Montclair

Closing Prayer