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

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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**

Rev. Willie Dwayne Francois III, Rev. Kenneth Darryl Ray Clayton, Rev. Karen Hernandez-Granzen

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