

WHAT CAN WE DO COLLECTIVELY TO ELIMINATE THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP?

Train parents on parenting, possible online videos, Train parents on understanding the school system, Train parents on understanding discipline system, talking with their own child, and working together
More frequent dialogue about the gap to bring awareness, and making sure that community partners who are willing and capable of helping be given adequate funding to help achieve the collective goal
Allow for more AACC programs in local high schools and allow students and family participation in the programs
Identify what role all participants can play or assist in the elimination of the gap. Encourage and motivate all students; meet them where they are
Continue to discuss...and put those words into action. Early education services and continued support before and after school time is crucial...in addition to meeting the basic needs (health, nutrition, housing,
Provide actionable steps for all community members
Increase taxes and mentor students
Increase opportunities for HS to leave HS with skills or certificates or training that would make them immediately employable at a good job. Increase support for children and families from very young age to
Provide more services which means more cost so we should all contribute more via taxes. Goucher Poll today said vast majority of Marylanders say yes
Build out measurable, transparent actionable goals with funding and manpower. Communicate out, invite community to help, resource bank of what we have including teachers (schools who defy the data
Dedicate more resources to schools with higher minority populations, raise taxes to provide additional services as necessary
Teach our kids to respect every human being. We each need to respect every human being
While school start times may not be a direct culprit of the achievement gap, starting middle and high schools later would allow our most vulnerable students more time to sleep, more time to get to school. It
Collectively we need to work together with representatives from all races and economic levels to come up with solutions that will help all of our children succeed in school and in life
Working together, have respect for others (listen to what they say) provide constructive feedback which is positive.
Really pressing down the data to see the trends. For example, what are the demographics of the FARM students? Also, what is the county doing about the isolated public housing issue (fair housing). What is
we need to address the adverse effects that many black children encounter before they enter kindergarten...better access to health care, safe and affordable housing without lead, mold, rodents or other poor
Collective, research, how education is delivered to children students in the classroom. Research questions...are teachers denied creativity? Are teachers given primary responsibility to set children/students up
We need to educate the general public on the data that was presented tonight and the historical context. I truly believe a greater understanding of how vast this issue is and its impact on our entire
Start calling it the opportunity gap instead of the achievement gap, provide resources to the schools and students who lack opportunities (Meade, Annapolis, Southern), Implement the Kirwin recommendations
This soliloquy was an embarrassment. It is the basis of mediocrity which itself is racist
I would like copies of the slides. Please follow up with results
Accept the recommendations to call the problem an opportunity gap vs. achievement gap. All need to acknowledge the gap
Learn how we participate in perpetuating racism and develop skills to reverse this participation
More discussion and work to dismantle institutional racism
White Fragility (Robin DeAngelo) book study for our white educators. Game changing
Treat everyone equally. Same discipline, same acknowledgement and zero tolerance for anything less...enforced with students, teachers and administrators
Continue to recognize the school system can't fix it alone
Talk about it openly. Don't skirt around it. Call it what it is
It takes a village to care for the whole child. We cannot focus on only the bits and pieces.
When will AACPS recruit more African male teachers in system and leadership?
Less discrimination based on looks. Focus more on the individual child/student
Have challenging conversations not in small groups but hear other voices. Have the will and courage to make the changes needed.

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Find ways to support single family homes . Help kids with homework, read to younger children, read with older children, listen ot the kids. Let them know how they don't carry the burdens alone.
We can start getting involved in the troubled communities, giving our children something to do positive. Start showing we care for our children and not keep passing them along. Hold the parents
identify curriculum for school readiness an school success that evens the plaing field. Provide better access to learning low to learn and learning how to achieve. Standardize resources access to minimize
together we can all contiue to hold each other accountable for our childrens' achievements, behavior, etc. Educating our kids must continue after school is over and that when the parents/guardians become
Our schools of poverty have lowest teacher experience levels (and lowest salaries), teacher turnover, lowest number of teachers with master degrees.
Collectively we must all pay attention and not remove our focus from this issue. Silence is acquiescence and as a society we all reap what we sow.
Keep in contact with each other. Don't say your gonna call back and don't call back
Tonight was a continuation of the conversation and a delight ot have many voices represented
A reminder that there is so much work to do. It was eye opening.
Tonight has been informative
Tonight has been informative and a call to action
Tonight was amazing for me. I welcome the opportunity to be an active participant in this movement.
Tonight was enlightening. This was the first time I had a look at the achievement gap between African American students and other races of students.
Tonight was a great start for school system and community collaboration. These conversations and the data presented by the professionals was much needed towards figuring out how to work towards
One thing we can do is engage the public more with our youth. For example, I live near Ft. Meade HS but don't have children who attend there. I would love ot mentor or tutor or somehow help children in
From the church perspective we can focus on the good of the community an emphasize the realities embodied in reconciliation, love, justice, and cooperation/partnerships. We are an asset in the community.
Teacher education needs to be addressed as well as culturally responsive/cultural sensitivity trainings. In addition to systemic-level efforts to reduce poverty. I would like to see the data regarding the
Raise minimum wage so that parents can provide for their kids. Invest in public transit and affordable housing. Stop electing politicians who won't fund public education. Universal Pre-K. Fund Kirwan
Tonight has been gratifying to see the turnout of intersted people and the seriousness of the AACPS evidenced by the number of staff participants. Also the remarks of the county executive were sobering and
Our students and staff deserve the right to light. EVERY classroom needs a window. Classrooms and entire schools without windows are like prisons.....and nothing lifts the spirits and encourage speople of all