



Unfinished Business: Keeping the Promise of *Brown v. Board of Education*

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The Charles Sumner School, Washington, DC

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| 10:00 – 10:10 | WELCOMING REMARKS
Sponsoring Organizations |
| 10:10 – 10:30 | THE HONORABLE CHAKA FATTAH,
United States Congressman, 2 nd District of Pennsylvania |
| 10:30-10:40 | INTRODUCTION BY MODERATOR
WENDY PURIEFOY, President, Public Education Network |
| 10:40 – 11:10 | DEMOGRAPHIC CONTEXT: THEN, NOW AND IN THE FUTURE
HAROLD “BUD” HODGKINSON, Demographer & Author |
| 11:10-12:20 | ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: The call for equal educational opportunities in the Supreme Court’s decision in <i>Brown v. Board of Education</i> mandated racial desegregation of our public school system. Those efforts continue today. Other strategies for integration also have been pursued in an effort to create equal educational opportunities, including those focused on housing integration and socioeconomic diversity. Additional policy initiatives – often neutral with respect to integration -- draw inspiration from <i>Brown</i> by claiming equal educational opportunities as the ultimate goal. These include private school choice, fiscal equity, standards and accountability. The panel will offer advocates of six strategies a chance to articulate 1) how their ideas are connected to <i>Brown</i> ; and 2) why their strategy offers hope for the future in pursuing the dream in <i>Brown</i> . The panelists include:

JOHN BRITTAIN, Professor of Law, Texas Southern University
DAVID RUSK, former Mayor, Albuquerque; Author and Consultant
RICHARD KAHLENBERG, Senior Fellow, Century Foundation
JIM FERG-CADIMA, Attorney, Mexican American Legal Defense Fund
JEANNE ALLEN, President, Center for Education Reform
ROSSI RAY-TAYLOR, Executive Director, Minority Student Achievement Network |
| 12:20-12:30 | CLOSING REMARKS: WENDY PURIEFOY |